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This year was the 50th anniversary of the Living Nativity on the Bethel Common, and a good crowd turned out to watch the Wise Men, shepherds and animals come to worship the baby Jesus. The Holy Family was played by Grayson and Renee Wakefield and their baby son, Brady. More photos, Page 5.

DOE report:

SAD 44's state aid would drop if Newry left

BY ALISON ALOISIO

Preliminary information provided by Newry's educational consultant shows that if the town withdrew from SAD 44, the district would receive less in state aid than it does now.

"We had had some thoughts that the withdrawal of Newry and Andover might increase state subsidy," former SAD 17 superintendent Mark Eastman told the Newry Withdrawal Committee last week. "Preliminarily, that is not the case."

In a brief information sheet presented at last Wednesday's committee meeting, Eastman wrote, "The projected state subsidy for SAD 44 without Newry and Andover appears to be \$399,232. This appears to be a reduction of \$180,000. This is a preliminary finding."

The figures came from the Maine Department of Education, he said.

Eastman stressed that he needs to do further analysis on the impact once he

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Newry planners want to review Bingham trails

BY ALISON ALOISIO

The Newry Planning Board and Bingham Forest Authority attorney Jarrod Crockett reached an impasse, at least temporarily, last week on whether planners need to formally review an application for anticipated trail work in the forest.

The 2,300-acre parcel is located in Newry, but is held in trust by Bethel under a consent agreement with the state Attorney General's office. The town hopes to develop multi-use recreational trails on the property.

Crockett has said the Bing-

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Telstar hits the keyboards for 'Hour of Code'

BY ALISON ALOISIO

The student body at Telstar High School recently turned into an army of computer programmers for the worldwide "Hour of Code" event, designed to give students a

chance to write computer code.

An estimated 77 million students in more than 180 countries took part.

"To be a rock star you need to know code," THS staff member Kelley Fraser told

the students as they prepared to try their hand at it.

The presentation by Fraser and Student Council members demonstrated the need for coders.

Council member Liam Gallagher said there are many

programming jobs open in Maine - a state where overall there are not a lot of jobs.

And, he said, only 24 schools teach coding, fewer than 10 years ago.

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Vintage toy collectors preserve local history

BY AMY CHAPMAN

The vintage wooden toys in Beverly Melville's collection have a special meaning for her, just as they did for her parents, Merle and Bunny Lurvey, who worked at the local mill where the unique pieces were made during her childhood.

"Dad was the foreman of the Popeye Shop," Melville said, "and Mother worked in the toy shop, too."

From the late 1920s through the 1940s, the E.L. Tebbets Spool Company mill in Locke's Mills produced, along with the wooden spools for thread that were its mainstay, a variety of children's wooden toys. Most were based on comic strip or animated cartoon characters of the era.

"There's Little Orphan Annie and her dog, Sandy, Amos and Andy, Popeye and Olive Oyl," said Melville, pointing out each character from her collection of more than four dozen of the original wooden toys, which were produced for the Jaymar Specialty Co. of Brooklyn, NY.

Her collection also includes figures of Joe Palooka, Jiggs and Maggie, Moon

Mullins, and Andy Gump, as well as a nearly-complete set of wooden figures that were originally boxed and sold together as the "Ring-a-Ling Circus."

One of her favorite pieces is a wooden baker, which wasn't sold as a toy, but was made as an advertising piece for Occident Flour, a product of the Russell-Miller Milling Company of North Dakota. "Costs more—worth it," says the slogan on his back.

Melville lives in the Knoll Road neighborhood of Locke's Mills, just a few hundred yards from the mill where the toys were made, and only a stone's throw from the house where she grew up.

She remembers attending the Locke's Mills school on the Bird Hill Road, and stopping in at the mill on her way home after school. That was before safety regulations kept visitors, especially children, far away from production areas, she said.

The tiny toy parts were made on an automatic lathe, which also drilled holes through the centers of them. They were painted in bright colors, and the pieces were strung together with elastic

to make figures that could be bent into different positions. Each character's face was stamped on with a special press.

"I would stop in the toy shop, and my mother would be stamping the faces on the toys," Melville said. "She would let me press the pedal and stamp one or two. Then she'd say, 'Okay, run along, because I've got to get busy.'"

Over the years, her father brought home many of the wooden toys, which Melville and her brother sometimes played with as children, although, she said, "They were always so available that I never gave them much thought."

Most of the ones in her collection, she believes, were probably left over when an order had been filled, or were "rejects," not quite perfect enough to be sent to the customer.

She is grateful now that her parents thought enough of the toys to take good care of them once their children were grown.

"My folks always kept them safe in the attic. They really treasured them as a part of their lives," she said.

Websites like Ebay and



Bev Melville poses a vintage wooden Popeye (identical to one found in the pricing guide in the foreground). Like most of the rest of her collection, the figure was manufactured at the E.L. Tebbets Spool Company mill in Locke's Mills during the first part of the 20th century. The larger Pinocchio doll, made of wood and composite materials, was a sample that was never produced locally. "I just like him," she said.

A. Chapman

Etsy, and Melville's copy of a pricing guide to vintage wooden toys, put the value of some of her toys as high as hundreds of dollars, depending on their condition and how rare they are.

To her, though, their worth to her isn't measured in monetary value.

"I'd have no trouble sell-

ing them if I wanted to," she said, "but I think they belong right here in town, as part of the history."

Carrying on the toymaking tradition

Melville's Locke's Mills neighbor, Hugh "Cubby" Swan also grew up within sight of the E.L. Tebbets mill, and he, too, remem-

bers stopping in to visit on his way home from school.

"They used to let us kids run all through that mill," he said.

Swan's father worked at the mill, and he designed many of the figures produced in the Popeye Shop.

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Letters

REMEMBER OUR FIRST RESPONDERS ON CHRISTMAS

To the Editor:

For many of us, the holiday season is filled with friends, family and tradition.

As I continue to share holiday traditions with my own family, I'll be keeping in mind the first responders in our community who will be doing what they do best – protecting our citizens and saving lives.

My father was a firefighter in Greenwood, so I know how much these men and women – often volunteers – sacrifice not just around the holidays, but throughout the entire year. First responders in rural Maine show a commitment to training and public service which is truly admirable.

To all of the firefighters, police officers and emergency medical personnel who will be serving the public during the holidays, I would like to say thank you. Your public service does not go unnoticed, and David and I recognize the importance of the work that you do.

This Christmas, let's remember our first responders who will undoubtedly take time away from their own family in order to keep our communities safe.

I wish all first responders success in the year 2015, and extend my sincere appreciation. I am proud to call them my neighbors.

Fran Mills Head, Bethel State Representative

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Throughout 2014 the staff, customers and friends of Rooster's Roadhouse have once again helped us in various ways to continue to raise funds to support local charitable causes that benefit many children and families in the Bethel Area, especially during this Holiday Season. This year, we raised over \$5,000 and were able to recently make the following donations:

- \$2,500 to the Bethel Rotary Foundation's "Christmas for Children" Program
- \$2,500 to Nina Wheeler's Grassroots "Christmas for Families" Program
- \$250 to the Mt Abram Ski Club's "Give-A-Kid-A-Lift" Program

In addition, through the generous support of an anonymous donor, we were able to coordinate with the Bethel Food Pantry this past year and provide absolutely free Family Dining Certificates to over 30 families with children in the SAD#44 system.

It is only through the kindness of others that we are able to support those in need within our community each year. We truly appreciate each and every contribution from those individuals and businesses continue to help us in our efforts! Thank you once again!

Steve Etheridge & Gary Szpara
Owners, Rooster's Roadhouse

Interview with new Bethel town manager



M. Daigle

BY MATTHEW DAIGLE, SUN MEDIA WIRE

When Christine M. Landes was hired as town manager Nov. 10, it was the culmination of more than 16 years of municipal experience.

However, Landes said government was the last thing on her mind when she was in high school.

"If you had told me, when I was in high school, that I would eventually be involved in town government, I would've said you were crazy," Landes said with a laugh. "I was not a government major. I hated it at the time. I was more interested in finances and banking."

Landes harnessed her interest in banking and turned it into an eight-year position as branch manager at Waldoboro Bank in Rockland, but she quickly discovered that the hours did not mesh well with her life at home.

"I realized that the hours I worked were not what I thought they were going to be," she said. "Something had to change, because I had a little one at home."

After eight years at the bank, she applied to be town clerk in Warren.

"When I went in for the interview, the town manager asked, 'Are you going to commit to me?' I told him, 'I'll give you five years,'" Landes said. "He said, 'I'll take you,' and here we are, 20 years later."

She said, "Town government kind of became my forte. The town manager there taught me a lot. He let me be myself. I ran my own department, and I asked a lot of questions, which I still do today."

While Landes grew to enjoy her position as town clerk, she and her family were forced to move to Florida after her husband, who served as a Navy officer at the Brunswick Naval Station, was reassigned.

"When they shut down the Brunswick Naval Station, we all ended up moving to Florida," Landes said. "I worked in the tax collector's office in Orange Park, and I soon learned that town governments in Florida are much different than Maine."

"When you're in the tax collector's office in Florida, you're responsible for giving driver's licenses and collecting property taxes," she said. "I went from working in a small town government to giving driver's exams and doing road tests with kids. It was quite a change."

Landes said her family moved back to Maine after her husband retired from the Navy.

"After he retired, he told us, 'We're going back to Maine,'" Landes said. "When I got back, I started applying to jobs that I saw through the Maine Municipal Administration website. I ended up in Veazie as deputy town clerk. I worked there for about three months before I applied for the deputy city clerk position in Brewer."

Landes' stint in Brewer lasted about a year-and-a-half before budget cutbacks led to her position being cut.

"Up until that point, I had been taking two classes a semester at the University of Maine in Augusta toward a bachelor's degree in public administration," she said. "After I was let go in Brewer, I said, 'It's now or never.' I signed up for six classes in the 2014 fall semester and applied for town manager positions. I thought to myself, 'If I get hired now, great – and if not, I'll be going to school full time.'"

Out of the three towns she applied to, Bethel made her an offer.

"I was ready to serve as town manager," Landes said. "When you work in small towns, the employees wear many hats. You see what's going on, what decisions are made and why they're made. It's different than bigger cities, where everything is sort of departmentalized."

It's been a month since Landes was hired, and she said her schedule doesn't leave much free time.

"It's finals week right now, and after that, I'm taking four more classes in the spring semester," Landes said. "After that, I'll graduate and get my degree."

Landes said that while she is spending her weekdays in Bethel, she spends her weekends in Orrington, where her family is living.

"I didn't want to take my youngest son out of school in the middle of the year," she said. "Part of my contract is that I have to live in Bethel, so I'm staying here during the week and going back to Orrington on weekends. The plan is for me to move to Bethel next June."

Until then, Landes said she is focusing on accomplishing a list of goals that she's set for herself.

"I'm really interested in working on the town's personnel policy," Landes said. "It really needs a lot of updates. It hasn't been touched in almost 20 years, so I'm excited to get working on that."

She is also looking forward to working with the Bingham Forest Authority in figuring out what to do with the town's 2,300-acre forest.

"My husband is a huge outdoor enthusiast, and I know that this project is something that could be very beneficial for the community," Landes said. "Even if it takes a while to do, I think it's something we should focus on."

If the weather permits, Landes said she wants to get into the community and get to know some of the people.

"The weather has been really nasty lately, so I haven't gotten to do that as much as I wanted," Landes said. "But when the weather starts clearing up, that's at the top of my list."

Woodstock talks residency

BY MATTHEW DAIGLE, SUN MEDIA WIRE

The Woodstock Board of Selectmen agreed last week to check whether a selectman must live in town year-round.

"No, I wouldn't think so," Chairman Victor Young said. "I think he'd have to live here for at least six months of the year."

Selectman Stephen Bies raised the question, because in the "next couple of years, I'm not going to live in town during the winter."

"My thought is, I'd very much like to rent a place in Bryant Pond, but I know there's not that many options here," he said. "I'm thinking that for a few months a year, I might end up living in Bethel or Rumford. I don't know where yet. I would fully intend, of course, to be at all meetings, but I probably wouldn't be a 12-month resident of the town."

Selectman Ron Deegan said the board should ask Town Manager Vern Maxfield to check state law.

Young later told Bies, "I would assume that if you received your mail in Bryant Pond and kept that as your place of voting, you would still be a legal resident, even if you rented a place out of town for three, four or five months in a year."

"Yeah, but I'm pretty sure there's a limit at a certain point," Deegan replied.

"I think it might be six or seven months," Young said.

Bies told Deegan, Young and Maxfield that he was just "trying to gather some information" and would "definitely be around for this winter."

In other business, Maxfield told selectmen the town was bequeathed \$5,000 from the estate of Evelyn T. Bean and it would go to the Whitman Memorial Library.

Our Back Pages

BY DANNA BROWN NICKERSON

10 years ago: More than 400 people turned out at Telstar High School to see and have their picture taken with the Boston Red Sox' first World Series trophy in 86 years.

Bessey Motors, South Paris, donated a 1988 Dodge Ram ¾ ton, four wheel drive pickup truck to Gould Academy for its Farm and Forest Program.

Births: Caleb James Wilson, Daniel Abel Dyke, Cameron Jonathan Remington, Halli Annette Knight, Adriana Roseann Hamilton.

Deaths: Linda Mills, Doris H. Parker, Ethel G. Fitzgerald.

20 years ago: Students at the Children's Dance Theater made their annual visit to Ledgeview Nursing home to sing and dance for the patients there.

Mr. and Mrs. Edley Strickland observed their 50th wedding anniversary with their children at their home in Bryant Pond.

Deaths: Roy H. Moxey, Alice Pearce.

30 years ago: A large crowd was on hand for Bethel's annual Living Nativity production. Judy, Sean and Anna Rose Shedd portrayed the Holy Family.

The Mundt-Allen Post of the American Legion entertained Bethel volunteer firefighters and their wives at a gala dinner at the Post home.

Birth: Hilary Marisa Brown.

Deaths: Mrs. Mabel Stevens Greenleaf, Mrs. Edith Cole Quimby.

40 years ago: The Bethel Savings Bank was offering six year certificates of deposit at an annual percentage rate of 7.75 percent.

Several of Telstar's top Nordic skiers competed in an Eastern Ski Association sanctioned Nordic combined meet at Farmington.

Birth: Shelley Rae Swan.

Death: Jesse M. Perry.

50 years ago: An open house was held at the newly completed Sunday River Inn, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Daye and Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Yates. Bruce Brown, Daryl Young and Tony Chapman escaped serious injury when the car in which they were traveling overturned on the Gilead road.

Births: Christen Ann Merrill, Robert Dean Evans.

Deaths: Lauris F. Tyler, Albert W. Davis, Mrs. Erma M. Jefferson.

60 years ago: The Gould Academy Alumni Association's annual holiday buffet dinner and dance was attended by 66.

A basement fire, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keoskie at the corner of Elm and Railroad streets caused an estimated \$1,000 damage.

Births: Kathy Ann Young, Nancy Hanscom, Ernest Frank Chapman.

Deaths: Mrs. George H. French, Mrs. Grace G. Skillings, Kendra Carol Curtis, Elwin Young.

70 years ago: Bryant Pond schools bought \$41.00 in defense stamps and \$325.00 in defense bonds in the month of December.

80 years ago: W.A. Hersey, North Waterford purchased the Oxford Box Company mill at East Stoneham.

The Portland-Berlin bus driven by Leo Roderick of Berlin was in a collision with a car near Gilead. No one was injured. Two sedans took the place of the bus for a time.

Deaths: Maria Ella Pease, Santa Barbara, Calif.

90 years ago: Sixteen houses in Bethel village were closed. Most of the occupants had gone out of town for the winter.

The Virgin sawmill outfit at Hanover was purchased by Paul Clements, and moved to Howard's Pond.

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gets more revenue information from SAD 44. At an earlier committee meeting he had said the district would likely receive more subsidy money from the state without Newry, but changed his view after getting numbers from the DOE.

Newry currently pays approximately \$2.9 million as its part of the local share of the school budget, which this year totals approximately \$10.5 million. "They project a [total] local allocation in the neighborhood of \$6.2 million," Eastman said. "That's a pretty big gap. I need to analyze that gap. I need to be more confident as to what a budget might look like for the remaining communities."

The money received in state subsidy goes toward the total local allocation, reducing the amount that must be raised locally through taxes.

Eastman said he would need added information, such as tuition revenue paid to SAD 44, to complete his analysis.

"My goal is to know what all the communities are facing," Eastman said. "I think that may be the critical question."

If Newry withdrew and simply tuitioned its two dozen SAD 44 students back to the district, it would pay the district approximately \$250,000.

The Newry committee is preparing a proposal to present to SAD 44 that would culminate in a withdrawal agreement between the two parties, which Newry residents will vote on at a future date.

Contacted Thursday, SAD 44 Supt. Dave Murphy said Eastman's estimate on the loss in state subsidy if Newry withdrew is consistent with the estimates that he has also received from the Department of Education.

Frye Island contact

In other discussion at last week's withdrawal committee meeting, Chairman Jim Sysko said he has been in touch with the town manager of Frye Island, a town in SAD 6 which, like Newry, is property rich but has few students.

In 2005 the state Legislature, in changing the law to allow school districts to set their local funding formulas by combining the factors of property value and student population for each town, made a special exemption for SAD 6 and SAD 44 to remain property-value based only. That happened without any official input by voters in Newry, in part prompting the withdrawal effort.

Sysko presented a letter from the Frye Island town manager, Gary Donohue, who wrote that his town "has retained Pretti/Flaherty for representation ... It might be beneficial to both communities to allow our legal teams to consult with each other."

Sysko said Frye Island might seek to get the exemption law changed at the state level.

The SAD 44 School Board is considering whether to initiate a process for a possible change in the local funding formula at the local level, in order to reduce Newry's contribution, but directors have not decided whether or not to move forward. The Newry Withdrawal Committee would not take part in that process, however.

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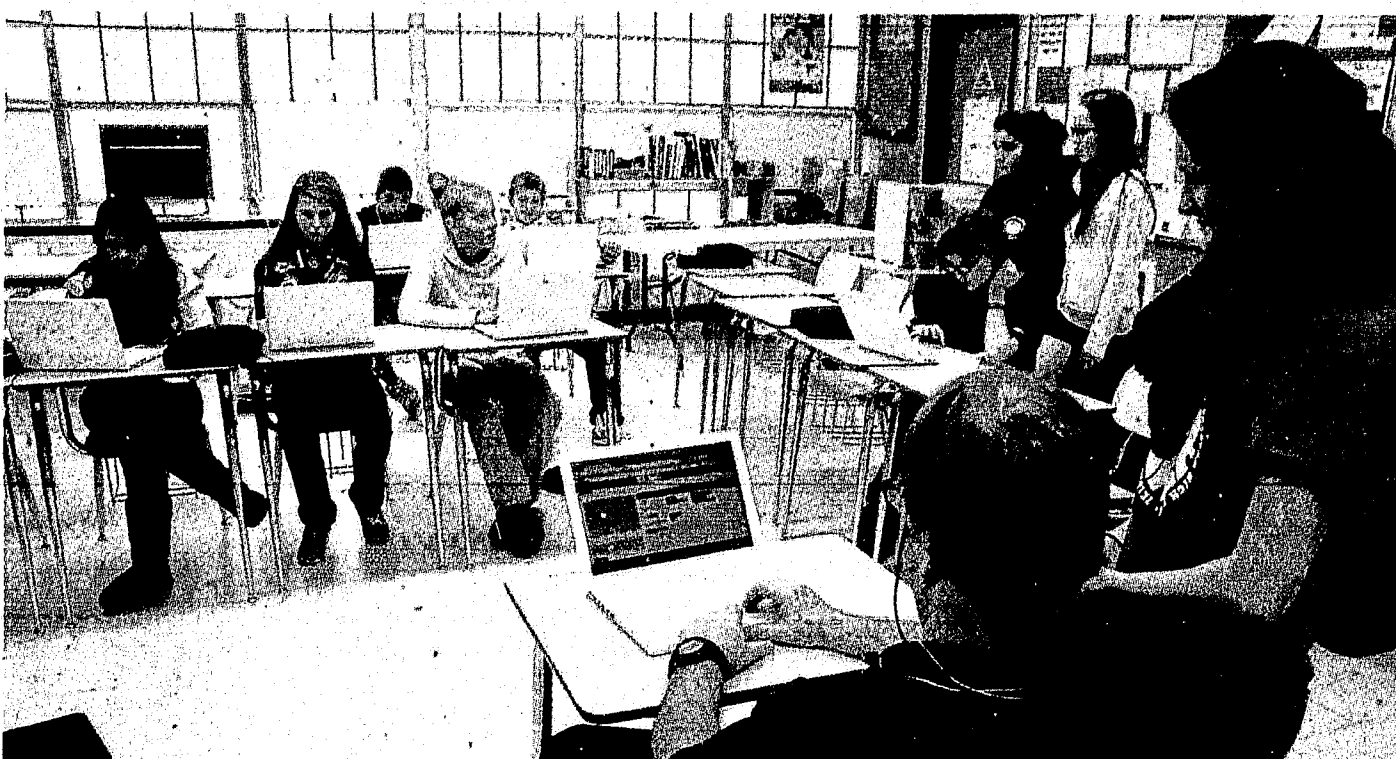
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EVEN ADULTS CAN DO IT—Students and staff at Telstar High School recently took part in the worldwide 'Hour of Code' event that focused on learning elementary computer programming. Pictured here in the foreground, student Ashley Savage shows teacher Steve Keane how to do it. At right are Kiiya Foster, Shania Swan (seated) and Cheryl Thurston. Center seated are (from left) Tehya Johnson, India Orino and Jodi Putnam. In the back are Brandon Dougherty and Sam Drew.

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Ben Parsons, Morgan McLean and Ryder Gross.

A. Aloisio

The presentation also included words from Mark Zuckerberg, founder of Facebook, who said there are not enough people trained for such jobs nationwide and they go unfilled.

After the presentation the THS students broke up into groups to try coding. In many cases they created directions for their laptops to execute a simple game, such as 'Angry Birds.' They moved blocks of commands into an order that would give the result they wanted. If they moved the commands incorrectly, the computer prompted them to fix it.

The Student Council members rotated from group to group to provide guidance.

Even the adults got into the act—with help from the teens. "I thought it was a really fun and creative way to open

your mind to something that you weren't very familiar with," student Emily Philbrick said afterward. "I personally find coding very interesting and it definitely something I want to go further into. I would have never have known what code even was if my school hadn't taken the initiative to inform me."

Student Nancy Huston added, "I thought it was pretty interesting and everyone should learn code. It's pretty

fun!"

Student Council member Gabrielle Stone said she thought the event was worthwhile.

"I think that the hour of code was very successful. I had my doubts but when I was walking around helping students it was incredible to see the involvement and a lot of people were really enjoying it. As well as the positive comments after the event. Really happy we did it!"

Teacher Steve Keane said his impression of the hour was that it "was like planting a seed of curiosity in all the young minds that participated, and if one seed germinates giving rise to a young new Mark Zuckerberg or Steve Jobs, it was worth the time, resources and effort provided by the school these students attend."

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Newry researching funding for Mt. Explorer bus

BY TERRY KARKOS, SUN MEDIA WIRE

Newry selectmen were asked last week to help figure out how to fund the free Mountain Explorer shuttle bus program between Bethel and Newry.

Pat Roma from the Mountain Explorer Committee spoke about funding for the program that takes people to work, to Sunday River Ski Resort to ski or snowboard and to dinner at various restaurants, Administrator Loretta Powers said.

In the past, Newry would get what town officials call "pass-through" funding from the Maine Department of Transportation's Urban and Rural Initiative Program. A town official would write a check from money received from the program for the shuttle bus service, she said.

But the MDOT changed funding to the Local Road Assistance Program and doesn't know how much money it has available for Newry, Powers said, so she will research it.

Resident Gary Drown told selectmen there might be more support in Newry for the bus if service was extended to other parts of town.

In other business last week, the Planning Board wants to revise an ordinance to reduce the board's size, among other things, and asked selectmen to review the revisions.

The revision seeks to change:

- * The number of members from seven with one alternate to five with two alternates;
- * The quorum requirement from five to three; and
- * The determination of a majority to be a majority of the board (three).

Additionally, the revisions seek to make clear that the reduction in numbers will occur through attrition. It will also add a section defining what constitutes a vacancy and remove a section defining Comprehensive Planning as a responsibility of the Planning Board.

In a Dec. 4 email to Powers, Roma explained the board's rationale behind the desired changes, saying that the board often doesn't have enough members present to meet quorum requirements. Research shows that it is common to have fewer members and that all Planning Board members concur with the proposed changes.

Powers said that a public hearing is required to change a town ordinance.

Selectmen also asked Powers to look into what insurance covers for use of the Bear River Grange Hall. She said someone wants to rent the hall for classes, but the board doesn't know if that would be covered.

Additionally, Selectman Brooks Morton has asked that Newry change its town report format, Powers said. He brought a Waterford town report before the board and liked how it presents information, she said.

Powers said they made changes last year to Newry's town report.

Newry won't be building a sand and salt shed anytime soon. Powers said she took a call from a Maine Department of Environmental Protection official, who told her the state would reimburse Newry at 31 percent if it constructed the building, but selectmen weren't interested.

Powers said her brother, Brad Wight, resigned effective Jan. 1 as Newry's sexton, so the town will have to advertise to fill that opening.

Newry selectmen will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6.

Woodstock youngster completes hunting grand slam

BY CHRISTOPHER CROSBY, SUN MEDIA WIRE

It was improbable from the get-go.

In the grand scheme of things, it was never likely that anyone, let alone an 11-year-old girl, would complete Maine's hunting grand slam.

But that's Lexi Mack — lucky — be it landing a moose permit in just her second year entering the lottery, mastering a muzzleloader in time to shoot a deer a week before hunting season ended or having a supporting family to gently guide her way.

Mack, who had to overcome hours in the cold huddled in a hunting blind and her own fidgeting, has completed Maine's hunting grand slam — bagging a bear, moose and deer all in the same season.

"I feel very lucky," she said.

In just her second year of hunting, she's completed a feat that veteran hunters spend a lifetime pursuing — and the odds are stacked against those hoping to achieve it. According to the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, deer hunters were successful 17 percent of the time; bear hunters, 30 percent; while 72 percent of moose hunters succeed, although they first have to get a hard-to-come-by permit.

Longtime guide Steve Monroe of Grand Slam Guide Ser-



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vice in Shirley said completing the feat at such a young age shows dedication.

"The chances are slim to none," Monroe said. "I've got 15 guys, and not one of them have a grand slam yet. They're in their 50s to 60s and hunt religiously."

After shooting a bear with relative ease, only to be confounded in the attempt to get a moose, Lexi, together with her grandparents Rick and Lisa Mack finally bagged a deer, one week before muzzleloading season closed.

"I told her, you have to be very careful because you only get one shot," Rick said.

With time running out and several tantalizing sightings, Rick said they began to wonder if she'd be successful.

Finally, on Dec. 5, about 10 minutes before they were about to end their hunting

day, they found the chance they had been looking for.

"I'm looking out the window, and there's this big thing standing there," Lexi said. "And then its ears twitch and a tail moves. We argued for 10 minutes if it was a buck or a doe. Then, finally the head comes out from a tree and it's a four-pointer."

Lexi, who said friends and teachers had been hounding her at school to see if she'd been successful, is the first member of her family to finish the job.

The Macks portion out the meat from the hunt among their extended family. But the bragging rights are Lexi's.

"I told Lexi, if you shot something every time you went out they'd call it killing, not hunting," Rick said.

Toys

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Left: Hugh "Cubby" Swan began collecting wooden toys his father designed and made for the E.L. Tebbets Spool Company in the 1920s and early 1930s, like the Popeye set on the left. He expanded his collection to other vintage wooden toys, and has added dozens of his own creation, including the Seven Dwarves and Three Little Pigs sets shown here. Above: Toys collected by Bev Melville.

Like Melville's parents, Carl Swan had brought home an assortment of the wooden toys for his children to play with, and although his father died when he was

very young, Cubby remembers playing with the toys as a child.

"We didn't take very good care of them," he said. "We'd get to fighting over them and pull on them, and the elastic would get broken."

Following in his father's footsteps, Swan worked at the same mill for more than three decades. Although the Popeye Shop was gone by the time he started there in 1953, he later took up toy-making in his home workshop when his sons were in Boy Scouts, creating wooden "brain teaser" puzzles.

Swan also collects various vintage wooden toys he finds in antique shops, especially those made for the Jaymar Specialty Company and the Schoenhut Company, and has built a collection numbering in the hundreds.

"Some are overpriced," he

said. "But sometimes you can find a bargain. I still like to go looking."

A talented woodworker who has made exotic wooden bowls and other pieces in his workshop, Swan eventually began to make wooden figures similar to the ones he had played with as a child.

He continues to design and make his own wooden toys, turning the parts on a lathe, to pass the time, especially in the winter months.

His creations include Disney characters like Mickey and Minnie Mouse, as well as figures inspired by fairy tales, like Snow White and the Seven Dwarves, and a set of the Three Little Pigs—complete with miniature houses made of straw, sticks, and bricks—and a Big Bad Wolf.

"It keeps me out of mischief," he said.

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ham land has been used for years for hunting, hiking and occasional skiing. He also said existing logging trails would double as hiking/biking trails in the future where possible. For those reasons, he said, the use would not change and therefore the plan does not need review.

But Newry Planning Board Chair Pat Roma told Crockett at the meeting, "I am not evaluating this on the basis of a change of use so much as it is a substantial recreational activity that is being proposed here, and that is what triggers the UDRO (Unified Development Review Ordinance)."

He said the Bingham Forest's management plan "is talking about substantial use, well beyond hunting," for the long term.

Roma said such issues as erosion control, stream crossings and preservation of the landscape are part of the application and are legitimate for the board to consider, but he said he did not anticipate the process would be a difficult one.

Planner Dave Walker said the board could look at how the BFA would handle those

situations generally, without asking for review of specific trails.

The purpose of the town's UDRO, said Roma, "is to ensure the natural resources of the community are protected. It balances the needs of the landowner against the public good."

But Crockett said he was concerned that going through the formal application process might trigger a problem with the consent agreement, if an implication was created that a commercial use of the land might be involved. He said he would take the issue back to the BFA board, and would check with the Attorney General's office regarding implications for the consent agreement if the BFA wanted to move forward with an application.

Roma said it was the BFA's choice whether to submit an application, and the authority could choose not to. "There'll come a time when you'll be challenged, and whatever channels are appropriate will be used," he said.

He said the Planning Board would drop the subject until the BFA got back in touch.

Woodstock Residents

Town Meeting Warrant March 23, 2015

Any Woodstock Resident wishing to have an article placed on the 2014 Town Meeting Warrant agenda should submit it to the Selectmen on or before January 15, 2015 as set by town vote.

Snow Plowing

Please remember that according to Maine State Law Title 29 section 2396 item 4, A person may not place and allow to remain on a public way snow or slush that has not accumulated there naturally.

Dog Licenses

Dog Licenses for 2015 are now available at the Woodstock Town Office. Dogs that are six months or older, or within 10 of ownership, must now be licensed.

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Nomination papers

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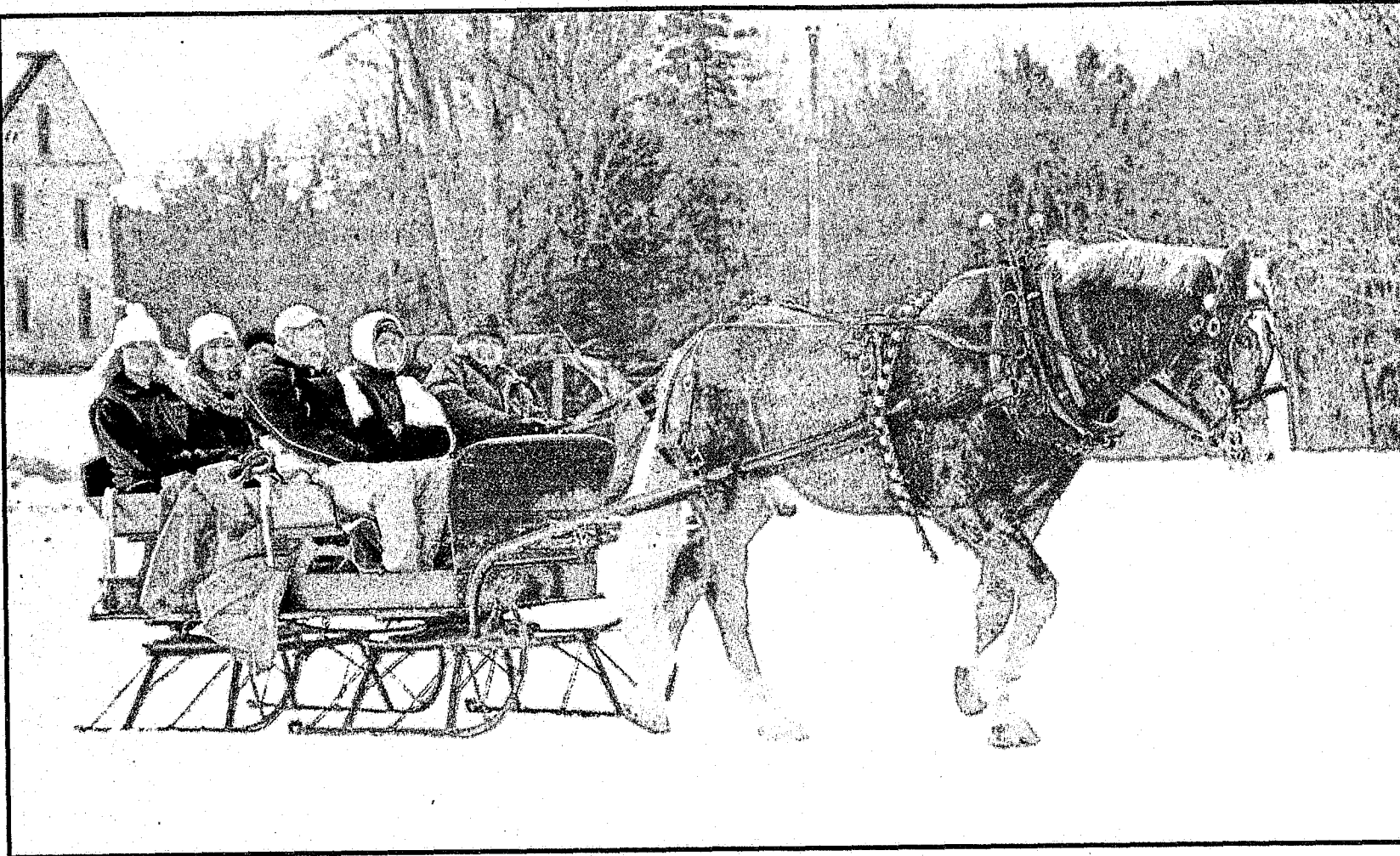
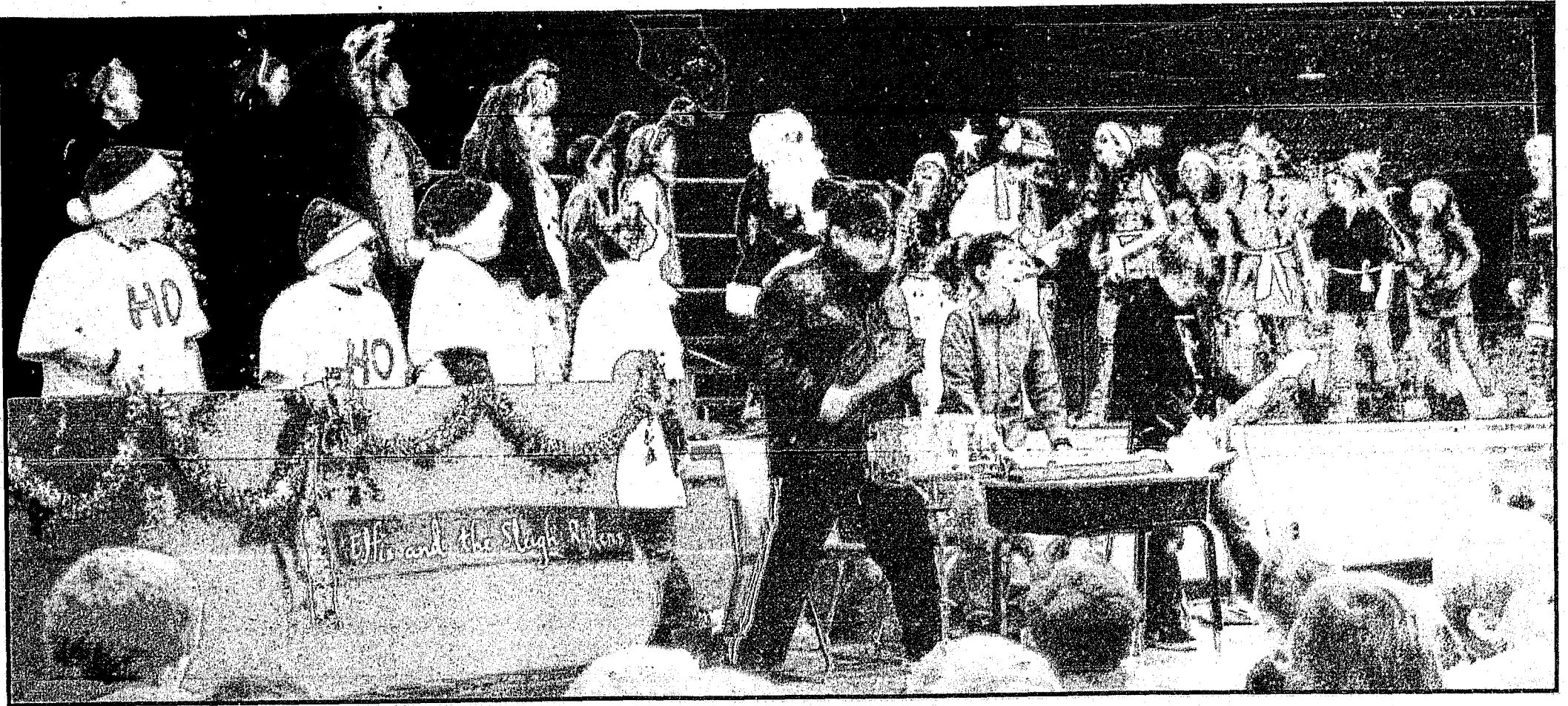
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'Twas the Week Before Christmas

As the big holiday approached, Bethel area residents found many ways to observe and enjoy it. Top, fifth-graders at the Crescent Park Elementary School put on a holiday performance entitled "Ellis and the Sleigh Riders" for fellow students and parents last week. The play was about friendship, arguments and how to understand and appreciate friends, according to teacher Marie Keane. It featured rock and roll music, Elvis Presley style. Left, generations of Robert Hastings' family gathered at the Hastings Farm, and activities included a sleigh ride with DiAnne Ward and her horse and sleigh. Below left, Mary and Jesus (Renee and Brady Wakefield) in the Living Nativity in Bethel. Below right, Anna Sysko and Mattie Templeton of Cafe DiCocoa in Bethel teamed up to create a gingerbread replica of the store, utilizing icing, Twizzlers, peppermints, pretzels and many other 'building blocks.' Sysko did the structural work with the gingerbread. Bottom, the scene at the Living Nativity. Sleigh, Hastings family; others, A. Aloisio



Town News

Bethel

By Nancy Brown

Several hundred people attended Bethel's Living Nativity on Sunday, Dec. 21, on the Bethel Common. I was happy to see the silver stars leading up Main Street to the Common. It reminded me of the first performance 50 years ago. This year the performances were good; the animals well-behaved; and the chorus gave a stellar performance. We all need to thank Drew Webster, the Bethel Alliance Church, the Moses Mason House, and all the others who made this a true community event.

Charles Dickens, who wrote A Christmas Carol, described this season as "A good time, a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time: the only time I know of in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one accord to open their hearts up freely, and think of other people... as if they really were fellow-passengers to the grave, and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys." Dickens called his philosophy the "Carol Philosophy" after A Christmas Carol. He tried to spread that philosophy by working for social reforms and giving to charities. No matter what holiday we celebrate this month - Winter Solstice, Hanukkah, Christmas, or Kwanzaa - I hope we all take some time to think about Dickens' philosophy.

The weather forecast this week is for rain. Even so, this will be a great time to see the beautiful light displays in our area. Sometimes lights shine more brilliantly in the rain and fog. Bryant Pond has a beautiful live Christmas tree in the downtown park. Bethel has lighted trees on the Common and lower Main Street. Local businesses have outdone themselves

with displays. My favorites are the new garden at Ruthie's fashion boutique on Main Street in Bethel and Maine Line Products on Route 26 in Locke's Mills. Also, "must sees" are the Walker home on the Flat Road in West Bethel and the Palmer home on Route 26 on the Bethel-Locke's Mills line.

The Bethel Library is decorated for the holidays. The quilt on display is "Christmas Braid" by Barbara Dion of the Cross Country Quilters. Holiday books (both fiction and nonfiction) are on display and can be checked out. Also available for check out are copies of Civil War Stories by Ambrose Bierce. This book will be discussed as part of the "Local & Legendary: Bethel, Maine, in the Civil War" project. The first book discussion is Wednesday, Jan. 7, at 7 p.m. at the Bethel Library.

The price of gas continues to slide downward. There are a few local places where regular unleaded is below \$2.60 a gallon.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brownnancy1950@gmail.com, or call me at 824-2483.

East Bethel

By Wally Ritz

This week I could not come up with any news to share. Am sure this will change once things settle down after the Holidays. Last I watched the weather the temperatures will be above freezing and we will have to deal with rain Christmas Eve. This is good news for those who have to travel to be with family. I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas surrounded by family and friends.

I would appreciate your help in gathering news for the next column, as news will have to be in early again, which leaves me with only Friday as a proper day to call. Do feel free to



TELSTAR WINTER CONCERT-The Telstar High and Middle schools choruses and band performed their annual winter concert last week. Here, THS band director conducts the THS band.

call me at 583-7698 or e-mail heinrichcracker@gmail.com.

Merry Christmas.

Andover

By Jane C. Rich

Remember Wednesday Town Office hours are changed for Dec. 24 and 31. Today they will be 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Dec. 31, 8 to 11 a.m. This early close will allow the Town Treasurer and Clerk to close out accounts for 2014. Thursday of course both weeks the Town Office will be closed due to the holidays.

Nomination Papers for the following positions will be available at the Town Office beginning Dec. 30: Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Road Commissioner, Fire Chief, Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of the Poor, Andover School Department, Board Members for a 1 year term, a 2 year term and a 3 year term.

The Budget Committee is continuing to meet at the library on Mondays at 6 p.m. A reminder that there will be a Rabies Clinic at the Fire Station on Jan. 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. for those who need to have their pets vaccinated.

A flashing red light has been installed in a Town Hall window to alert passersby when there is furnace failure in the building. Should you see the flashing light, please call Jim Adler at 357-3252 or 392-3252 or Keith Farrington at 329-1235.

Over the last couple of weeks, I've advised you that the snowmobile trails were ready and the skating rink opened. I've discovered that Mother Nature does not cooperate with my predictions. The warm-up and rain cycle has prevented these winter activities from taking place and it looks like it will happen again this week. In either case, the best idea is to check with a snowmobile club member or Scott Far-

ington regarding the skating rink.

Speaking of snowmobiling, the Snow Valley Snowgoers next meeting will be Jan. 6 at 6 p.m. at the clubhouse off of Route 5.

The children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Red and Marion Coolidge gathered at the CEB dining room on Saturday afternoon to celebrate what has become known as Coolidge Christmas. Attendees enjoyed a delicious meal and a Yankee gift swap. The youngest children told the group whether a gift should be swapped or kept from their bird's eye view on the steps leading upstairs. Thanks to the Coolidge family for making me a part of their celebration.

The traditional Christmas Eve Candle Light Service will be held at the First Congregational Church this evening at 7 p.m. followed by a reception. This is the time and place where we remember the real meaning of Christmas which cel-

brates the birth of Jesus Christ.

My best wishes to all of you who read this column and thanks for your kind words about it.

Bryant Pond

By Alice Hoyt

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service. This week on Wednesday evening, Dec. 24, is a Candlelight Service at 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11 at 6 p.m., missionaries Jason and Ita Strout will be preaching and updating on the work in Argentina. The children's program on Dec. 14 was very good. There was a good crowd attending.

Thanks to the Rotary Club for a delicious ham dinner at the Legion Hall on Dec. 9. It is always a fun time.

A good crowd attended Maine Line's open house

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in Locke's Mills on Dec. 13. They have many neat ideas for Christmas and gift giving.

Sorry I missed the Whitman Memorial Library program this month. I understand it was very good.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet at the Woodstock Fire Station on Thursday, Jan. 1 with a potluck dinner and Silent Auction. Please bring a dish to share, your own place setting and an item for the Silent Auction. Dues are due at this meeting. New members always welcome. Time: 11:30 a.m.

Have a Merry Christmas. At the firemen's training on Tuesday, Dec. 16, awards were presented for years served; among them, my husband Ken Hoyt for serving 60+ years. Also, Ken Ruff for serving 20+ years and for being firefighter of the year. Don Hoyt 35+ years, Tim

Rosenberg 25+ years, David Bobbe 15 years, Rick Chase 10 years, Kyle Hopps 5 years, Chris Hoyt 5+ years, Jeff Harren 5+ years. Awards are issued at 5 year intervals. Thanks for your service.

Gilead

By Lin Chapman



The holiday season is upon us and time to wish everyone Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. No matter how one celebrates the season, it is a time for friends and family to get together and enjoy each other's company.

My brother, Steve McLain, was sitting at his computer the other day and heard a tapping outside his window. He went out to investigate but did not see anything. He decided that it was prob-

ably a woodpecker tapping on the window casing. The woodpecker was either trying to get attention for more seeds or was just confused.

Lise McLain saw the cardinal again at their house. It seems that once they find a place that has some food and plenty of trees for cover, they tend to hang around.

Peter and Claudia Risbira were in Gilead for a couple of days this past week. Carole Mason arrived early Tuesday morning to make sure their driveway was plowed out so they could get into the house. They said that now that they know that their stove will heat the house very nicely, they may plan on coming up more often during the winter.

Bob and Judy Bishop called us last week to check in and see what was happening in Gilead. While we were talking to them, I noticed a different bird out in the bush by the mailbox. I thought it was a female cardinal, but it was not. It was a Cedar Waxwing and he was eating the red berries off the bush. I can't remember ever seeing a waxwing in December. Within a few minutes, a Robin lit in the bush and checked out the berries, too. Robins are around the area in the winter, but not usually at our feeders.

I read, with interest, the story in the Lewiston paper about squirrels attacking the strings of lights on the community Christmas tree. The squirrels were chewing the wires and ruining them. This interested me because while I was looking out the front window and watching the birds the other day, I noticed a squirrel climb up one of our Christmas decorations. He nosed around a little bit and when he turned around he was holding something and trying to eat it. It was at this point, I noticed that the lights had gone out. We checked it out the next day and the squirrel had chewed the wire on both sides of the light socket and taken the bulb. It seems to be a squirrel conspiracy

going on, but I am not sure why they do not like Christmas lights.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Hanover

By Maria Holloway



Welcome winter! The Solstice has passed as we anticipate increasing daylight, snowy days and the coming of the New Year. Have you heard the choruses of black-capped chickadees and the incessant chattering of squirrels and chipmunks as our feathered and furry friends busily prepare for the long, cold season ahead? Bask in the beauty of the afternoon's golden setting sun casting long shadows, tinting treetops, and glistening on fields of snow. Take time to enjoy the beauty of the season and reflect on blessings, big and small. Season's Greetings to all as you celebrate the many happy holidays - Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa.

Locke's Mills

By Betsey Foster



Five of the properties the Town of Greenwood recently foreclosed on for unpaid property taxes have been sold. The Selectmen accepted the highest bids submitted on these parcels and raised about \$31,000 in revenue. Probably most important is that these properties are now back on our property tax roles.

Of particular interest is the school house property, the site of the former town office on Bird Hill. This was purchased by Nick and Janet Bartlett who own Northern Roots in the building beside the school house property. They also submitted a bid on the gingerbread house property on Main Street which abuts the back

of the school house property, but they were outbid by Don Lawrence, Woodstock.

There are still two remaining pieces of foreclosed property. One has temporarily been withdrawn from the foreclosure due to uncertainty of the status of the property. The second property had no bids submitted for it and might go back up for auction in the summer.

Remember that the Town Office is closed both Thursday and Friday this week.

The holidays for this week through Dec. 28 are: Dec. 24 - the last day of Hanukkah, Jewish. This final day is known as Zot Hanukkah; Dec. 24, Christmas eve; Dec. 24, Nittel Nacht, Orthodox Jewish; Dec. 24, Santa Claus delivers world-wide; Dec. 25, Christmas, Christian; Dec. 26, first day of Kwanzaa (African American, the seven-day holiday of the first fruits of harvest); and, last but not least, Boxing Day (non-secular and celebrated in Commonwealth countries. Started as a day when workers were given presents by their employers. It is now a bank holiday. Gotta love that one.

Merry and happy Christmas, Hanukkah, whatever holiday or holidays you are celebrating.

See you next year. Please send news to 3taichis@gmail.com.

Mason

By Richard Grover



Last week Mona and I had the opportunity to go to Las Vegas with sister Peg Perham and stay with her in her timeshare condo. It was an adventure from start to finish. First, when we arrived at our condo (The Cancun), Peg insisted on paying the fare with her credit card, so I concurred. When we got to the front desk, Peg couldn't find her wallet or credit card, and she figured she must have dropped her wallet when she stepped out of the cab. No wallet on the ground where the cab stopped, or in her bag or any place else we could think of. We were unable to remember the name of the cab company or the driver. Checked with hotel security to see if their security cameras covered the front entrance. It did, but was blurry so they couldn't read the name of the cab but got a description of the car.

Multiple calls failed to identify the car or find the credit card, so Peg phoned her credit card company, asked them to cancel her old card and mail her a new one expeditiously to the Cancun, which they promised to do.

Daily queries to the front desk on Monday through Thursday were fruitless, so Peg phoned the credit card company again on Thursday and asked them to tell her which company shipped the package containing the credit card. After several more calls, Peg was told that it was shipped by USPS (The Post Office) and by what tracking number applied, but the front desk people denied receiving any such package. Mona suggested we try the hotel computer, so we did. The USPS response was that there was no such tracking number. Another call to Capital One. Oops! They had omitted the last two digits, "U" and "S." The computer then revealed that the item was delivered to the Cancun front desk at 10:23 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec 16th. The front desk was still unable to find any record of receiving an item in Peg's name! Frustrated, Peg decided to ask Capital One to cancel the card they had shipped and to mail a new one to her Maine home address! Our flight home was on Saturday, Dec 20.

Newry

By Doug Webster



At last week's Selectboard meeting, Pat Roma, representing the Mountain Explorer bus service, came to the Board requesting more money from the town. Evidently the previous funding supply has dried up. Roma would like the Selectboard to look into some different grants that might be available. He didn't have any ridership numbers or specific grants for the Board to look into, but was hoping the Board would find a way the town could allocate substantially more money this year. Local businesses and supporters have already raised \$35,000 so far, and the Mountain Explorer's budget is approximately \$170,000. To help make the Mountain Explorer a sustainable endeavor, I would think the authority would ask riders to pay a

OCSD Sheriff's Log

Monday, Dec. 15

At 3:39 p.m. a caller in Woodstock reported someone tried to cut his exhaust system. Deputy Nathan Bowie was assigned.

At 4:04 p.m. Cpl. George Cayer assisted the Maine Warden Service with an illegal hunting case on the South Arm Road in Andover.

Tuesday, Dec. 16

At 12:33 p.m. Sgt. Tim Holland checked on a sex offender living in Bethel for probation and parole.

Wednesday, Dec. 17

At 7:02 p.m. Deputy Chris Davis received a report of harassment in Greenwood.

Thursday, Dec. 18

At 9:19 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney did a traffic detail near Telstar High School. Three vehicles were stopped and given warnings for speed. They were outside the school zone at the time of the offense.

At 9:42 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney received a report of an assault at Telstar High School. One juvenile was summonsed for assault.

Friday, Dec. 19

At 12:56 p.m. deputies responded to a car crash on Route 26 in Bethel. Utility companies fixed two broken poles. There were no injuries.

At 2:38 p.m. Deputy Steve Witham received a complaint of a vehicle operating erratically on the Intervale Road in Bethel. The vehicle was stopped and found to be operated by an elderly driver. No violations were found.

Saturday, Dec. 20

At 12:06 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney received a report of violation of papers on Railroad Street in Bethel. Deputies were trying to locate the subject to issue a summons for trespassing.

At 7:48 p.m. Sgt. Matt Baker responded to Mason Street in Bethel for a report of juveniles threatening each other online.

Sunday, Dec. 21

At 4:36 p.m. Sgt. Tim Holland took a report of threatening in Bethel. The case was under investigation.

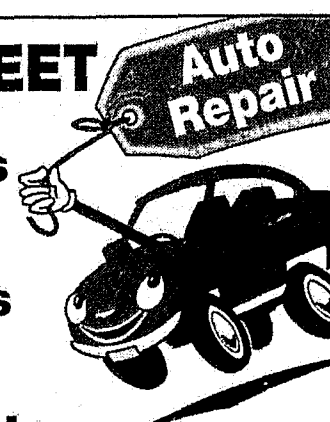
OCSD JailLog

Dec. 17, 12:53 p.m.: Keith M. Behan, 37, of Bethel, violation of bail conditions; by Capt. Tom Harriman in Bethel.

Dec. 17, 9:50 p.m.: William H. Stearns, 63, of Hanover, violation of bail conditions; by Trooper Jason Wing in Hanover.

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minimal fee. It would help to subsidize the program. And maybe it would make the big donors feel like they aren't the only ones supporting the program.

The Board has been looking into the possibility of updating the rental policies at the Grange Hall. They received a request to rent the building for a longer term than the usual one-day usage.

The Board talked briefly about ways to improve and get a more detailed town report for the annu-

al town meeting. They had a copy of Waterford's town report, which I guess is quite detailed.

I was reading an article about "The Christmas Truce of 1914." This year is the 100th year anniversary of the truce. The truce happened on the first Christmas during WWI. The German and British soldiers were able to lay down their arms, stop the fighting, exchange simple niceties, and even play some impromptu soccer games up and down the four hun-

dred miles of trenches on the western front. If those soldiers could do what they did, I would hope our politicians would read up and reflect a little on the truce. Maybe they can put aside their petty grievances and get down to doing the people's business.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and has some time to reflect on the real meaning of the day.

The Town Office will be closed at noon on Dec. 24. As always, please send

me your news, especially if you do not like mine, dwebster@megalink.net.

Upton

By Joe Bernier



The Sunday breakfasts at the Ladies Aid are scheduled to start Jan. 11.

There is over a foot of snow on the ground in this area. Last week the Umbagog Snowmobile Association started grooming their trails,

but I believe that the State Line Snowmobile Club has not yet started grooming theirs. With the nasty rain forecast, there probably is no point.

When I was out shopping at Wal-Mart with Penny last Friday, I realized that I had lost my debit card. After a moment or two of searching and panicking, I concluded that the last place I had used the card was Marden's. I called Marden's hoping that I had left the card at the checkout. The lady at the service

desk told me that none of the checkout people found the card; however, a shopper did find it in the parking lot and turned it in to her at the desk. My sincere thank you to the kind, honest person that took the time to do that.

The Upton selectmen will have their first meeting of 2015 Tuesday, Jan. 13, 7 p.m. at the town office.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

Bethel Family Health Center becomes Let's Go! Site of Distinction

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of staff and providers at Bethel Family Health Center, the practice has been recognized as a Let's Go! Healthcare Site of Distinction. Let's Go! is a nationally recognized childhood obesity prevention program that promotes a consistent message of 5-2-1-0 (5 fruits and vegetables, 2 hours of screen time or fewer, 1 hour of physical activity, and 0 sugary drinks each

day). This same message can be found in communities, child care, schools, after school programs, work places, and health centers across the state. The multi-sector approach reaches children and families where they live, learn, work and play and aims to encourage people to adopt healthy lifestyles, improve food choices, and engage in frequent physical activity.

The Let's Go! Healthcare

intervention requires medical providers with pediatric patients to accurately assess Body Mass Index (BMI), hang 5-2-1-0 posters around the office, and use the Let's Go! 5-2-1-0 Healthy Habits Questionnaire. Children who come to Bethel Family Health Center for well child checks answer ten simple questions about current habits related to eating, sleeping, screen time, physical activity and

sugary drinks, set a goal to make one healthy change, and talk with their provider about how to achieve that goal. Bethel Family Health Center is proud to serve families in and around Bethel and to participate in Let's Go! 5-2-1-0.

Bethel Family Health Center is located at 32 Railroad Street in Bethel. For more information, contact the health center at (207) 824-2193 or visit www.BethelCHC.org.

Bethel Family Health Center is one of 11 Federally Qualified Health Centers of HealthReach Community Health Centers. Dedicated providers deliver high quality health care to people in over 80 rural communities. To ensure access for everyone, HealthReach accepts Medicare, MaineCare and major insurances. In addition, an Affordable Care Program is available to uninsured and underinsured residents, as well as assistance with applications for other programs that help with the cost of health care and medications including the Health Insurance Marketplace. A private, non-profit organization with a 39-year history, HealthReach is funded by patient fees, grants and individual donations.



ALL NEW ENGLAND BAND FESTIVAL—On Nov. 22, Christian Brown represented Telstar High School at the All New England Band Festival, held at Plymouth State University. His band director, Jennifer Bennett, is very proud to work with students who are so dedicated to their art and being selected as among the best in New England is proof of his commitment. Christian, who plays trombone, performed in the ANEBF Symphonic Band, directed by Dr. Mark Stickney, Director of Bands at Plymouth State. "Congratulations to Christian for his wonderful instrumental accomplishment and the inspiration his gives to the school district's musicians to reach for the stars," said Bennett.

News from the Bethel Historical Society

2015 Programs Being Scheduled

The Society's Programs, Exhibits and Publications Committee met at the Robinson House on Dec. 11 to review and approve a variety of upcoming events scheduled for 2015. Among the Society's offerings during the coming year will be several more installments of the "Local & Legendary: Maine in the Civil War" project, the spring opening of two new exhibits at the Robinson House, an 8-week display of historic and contemporary White Mountain art in the Mason House exhibit hall, and a special commemoration in honor of the 200th anniversary of postal service in Bethel (Dr. Moses Mason was the town's first postmaster and the first post office was located in his Broad Street home, now a museum of the Bethel Historical Society). These and additional events will be posted on the Society's website (bethelhistorical.org) soon, as well as in the winter 2015 "Broad Street Herald," the Society's print newsletter.

Society Marks

Living Nativity's 50th—On Sunday evening, Dec. 21, the Society welcomed a large number of townspeople and visitors to the Mason House following the 50th anniversary performance of Bethel's "Living Nativity." A blazing fire in the exhibit hall fireplace, refreshments provided by the Nazarene Church and oth-

ers and musical entertainment by Tom Davis on the keyboard put all who had attended the moving event on the common in a festive mood. For its part, the Society mounted a small display of clippings and photographs from the first Living Nativity in 1964, which was then and for many years afterwards under the direction of Sue Farrar, its founder.

Annual Fund Update

For nearly 50 years, members and friends of the Bethel Historical Society have recognized the importance of the Society's work through their Annual Fund support. Representing just over 30 percent of its yearly income, this special fund allows the Society's small staff and many dedicated volunteers to maintain daily operations and to offer programs and exhibits that make local history meaningful, accessible, and enjoyable for people of all ages. In 1974, the Society acquired the 1813 Broad Street residence of Dr. Moses Mason, which contains a nine-room period house museum, exhibit hall and research library. In 1999, the Society added the adjacent O'Neil Robinson House (1821) to its facilities to house changing exhibits, a museum shop, and administrative offices. For nearly a half century, the Bethel Historical Society's wide-ranging achievements have been recognized by a number of state and national organizations.

Danna Nickerson, Timothy and Iris Roberts, Erwin and Shirley Bartlett Eby, Nancy Fenton, Dr. and Mrs. Robert D. Les, Stanford and Pauline Carver, Suzanne Zooleck, and the Funky Red Barn.

Founded in 1966, the Bethel Historical Society is the largest and most comprehensive historical organization in its region. With over 800 members, the Society fosters a sense of place—with a focus on western Maine and the White Mountain region of Maine and New Hampshire—by collecting, preserving, displaying and interpreting historically significant artifacts and documents for residents, visitors, students, and scholars. Through its exhibits, programs and publications, the Society strives to make the region's history meaningful, accessible, and enjoyable for people of all ages. In 1974, the Society acquired the 1813 Broad Street residence of Dr. Moses Mason, which contains a nine-room period house museum, exhibit hall and research library. In 1999, the Society added the adjacent O'Neil Robinson House (1821) to its facilities to house changing exhibits, a museum shop, and administrative offices. For nearly a half century, the Bethel Historical Society's wide-ranging achievements have been recognized by a number of state and national organizations.

Criminal justice programs offered

Anyone planning to prepare for a career in security, forensics, corrections, police work or any number of justice-related fields will find opportunities at University College at South Paris and Rumford/Mexico this January. The University of Maine at Augusta (UMA), the University of Maine at Fort Kent (UMFK), and the University of Maine at Presque Isle (UMPI) each will offer courses in their Criminal Justice/Justice Studies programs in the spring semester, which begins in January.

The University of Maine

at Augusta will deliver 19 courses in its Justice Studies programs online and via interactive television. UMA's bachelor and associate degrees in Justice Studies provide opportunities in law enforcement, paralegal work, detective work, corrections and security.

The University of Maine at Fort Kent will offer online courses in their B.S. in Public Safety Administration program, their A.A. in Criminal Justice, and their A.A. in Emergency Management/Homeland Security programs. These programs are designed to prepare students academically with professional skills for work in public service, governmental management, and public safety, including law enforcement and the criminal justice system at the federal, state, region-

al, and local levels.

The University of Maine at Presque Isle will offer online courses that apply to their B.A. and an A.A. degrees in Criminal Justice.

University College provides computer labs for those who don't have access to high-speed internet connections and training for people who are new to online learning.

Registration for the spring semester is open and ongoing. For more information about Criminal Justice/Justice Studies programs and courses from Maine's public universities, please contact University College at South Paris 743-9322 or Rumford/Mexico 364-7882 or www.lean.maine.edu/southparis or www.lean.maine.edu/rumford-mexico to view a course listing.

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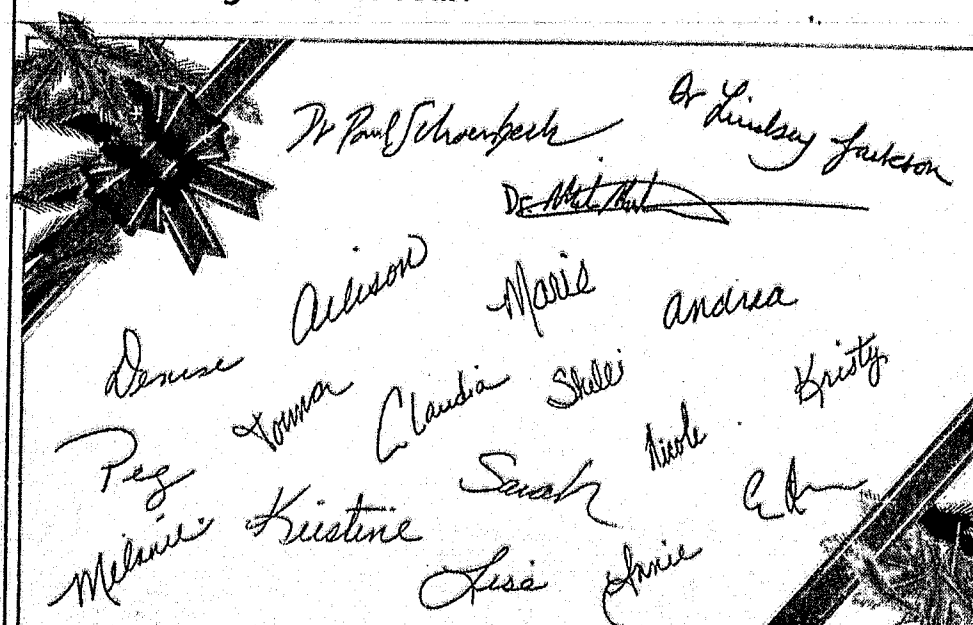


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January Universalist Church services

January is the "doorway to the year," according to Roman mythology. Abstract doorways or real why not step through the doorway at the First Universalist Church of West Paris for a Sunday worship service, and so you can see our beautiful stained glass windows. Worship services are offered on varied topics by a variety of guest speakers and our worship service committee at 9 a.m. followed with refreshments.

Jan. 4, "Justice and Redemption" led by The Reverend Fayre Stephenson. At this service, using Bryan Stevenson's new book, Just Mercy, as our guide, we will explore our broken system of justice and the potential for mercy to redeem us. Reverend Stephenson leads services at the First Universalist Church of West Paris at least twice a month.

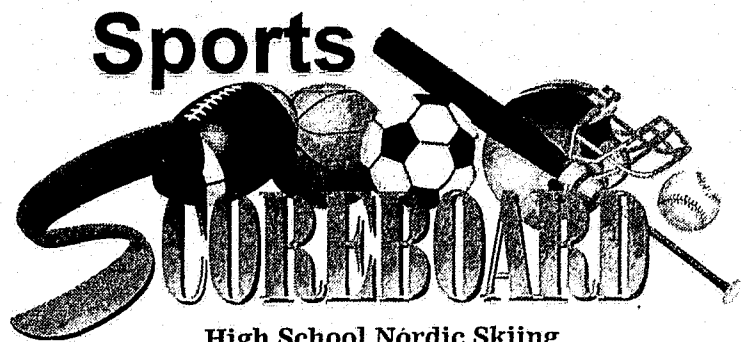
Jan. 11, "The Growth of Generosity" Each of our experiences shapes how we interact with life's chal-

lenges, so there is truly growth in our understanding of any aspect of living. Generosity seems simple, yet why do we now know it's far more than just giving because someone asks us to? Maryli Tiemann will be our guest speaker from the Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick. Maryli is one of the founders of Brunswick's Longfellow Days, a month-long celebration of poetry and the life of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. She was raised a Michigan Roman Catholic, floundered into Maine in the 1970's, was surprised to actually be Buddhist, and continues to stumble among surprising gifts of nature, friendship and family.

Jan. 18, "The Social Gospel" led by The Reverend Fayre Stephenson. Clarence Skinner, the greatest Universalist theologian of the 20th century preached "The Social Gospel," as "A Complete Program for Completing Humanity." On this Sunday morning

we'll take a look at our Universalist roots in social justice as we remember Clarence Skinner. January 25, "That All Souls..." led by guest speaker Joan Beal. A Unitarian Universalist idea of justice includes concepts of justice from all the sources of our tradition, as well as our distinctive commitment to live our lives so that "all souls may grow into harmony with the divine" - one of the UU guiding principles. Joan is the Religious Educator at the Norway Unitarian Universalist Church. She is also on its Board of Directors and the Capital Campaign Committee.

For more information about the church and services, please contact Marta Clements, 674-2143, mclements96894@roadrunner.com. You can also visit <http://www.uua.org/> to learn more about Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations.



High School Nordic Skiing

On Saturday, Dec. 20th, the Telstar Nordic ski team traveled to Sugarloaf Outdoor Center for the Billy Chenard Memorial Season Opener. Boys: 35, Kellen True 9:07; 43, Gregory Wheeler 9:24; 59, Gaelen Boyle-Wight 10:08; 77, Alec Fowles 11:16; 83, Josh Elliot 11:45; 90, Elijah Laird 13:21. Girls: 3, Carla Boyle-Wight 9:08; 18, Gabrielle Stone 9:53; 26, Marta Opie 10:20. It was a perfect day with tons of snow and the team got 15km of skiing under their belt after the race. The team is energized and off to a great start. - Coach Southam

Mountain Valley Rec League Basketball

Bethel got its first win of the season with a 91-61 pounding of a shorthanded Archies. Bethel (1-2) had 6 players in double digit scoring led by Captain Ryan Kimball with 19 points, followed by Ryan Savage with 16, Sean Caddigan 14, Mike Delduca 13, Matt Zinchuk 12 and Corey Howard with 10. Archie's (1-2) got 20 points (4 threes) from Whitey Moulton and 17 from Brett Archibauld. In the middle game, LBI played around with Neptune, 95-63. LBI (3-0) was led by Chris Baxter with 26 points; Brian Canwell was next with 20, Owen Jones 17, Jon Benjamin 15 and Tyler Chaisson 14. Neptune (0-2) got a good game from Jessie Cross with 23, TJ Frost had 15, Mike Leclerc 14, and TJ Swan with 10. In the first game of the day in what ended up being an uneventful game, Ranor (3-0) made short time of The Matterhorn (1-1), 83-50. Ranor was led by sharp-shooting Aaron St Pierre with 31 points, 7 behind the arc. Scott New added 12 and Steve Lambert had 10. The Matterhorn was led by Matt Newell with 10 points while the others were limited to single digit scoring. While Jay (0-2) drew a bye this past week, next week, Dec. 23, Neptune plays The Matterhorn at 10 a.m., followed by Bethel and Ranor at 11:30 and then by Jay and LBI at 1 p.m., while Archie's draws a bye.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Exchange; Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours - No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Bethel Area Food Pantry; serving the residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton and Woodstock. The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon to 8 p.m. Anyone in need of food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street, Bethel, by the side entrance on Park Street.

Art Exhibit: "Images of the North Maine Woods," by Michael Everett, depicting river-level views of the Alagash and St. John Rivers, will be on display at the West Paris Library on 226 Main Street until the end of December. Hours: Monday and Friday 1:30 to 6 p.m., Wednesday 1:30 to 7 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. FMI: 674-2004.

Wednesday, Dec. 24

Christmas Eve Services; West Parish Congregational Church, 32 Church Street, Bethel. 4 p.m., A family service with the bell choir. 7 p.m., A candlelight service of readings and carols. FMI: www.bethelcongregationalchurch.org or 824-2689.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service; 7 p.m., the Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). Call 207-824-2289 for more info.

Friday, Dec. 26

Live Music with Carl Vee; 3:30 to 6 p.m., Loose Boots Lounge, Mt. Abram. Carl Vee will play music from the 50s, 60s, 70s and more, including a special Beatles set.

Comic Hypnotist; 9 p.m., the Foggy Goggle. Be amazed when you, your friends or strangers across the room become stars of the show, as hypnotist/comedian Frank Santos Jr. makes them believe that they are singers, dancers and much, much more. This is a performance where the audience becomes the show. Limitless variations and can please every appetite. This is a hilarious, energetic and unique show that you will never forget!

Saturday, Dec. 27

3x1k or 3x2k Air-Rifle Biathlon; 9 a.m., Roberts Farm Preserve, Norway. Practice from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Race at 11. \$5 entry.

Warming Hut Opening; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Roberts Farm Preserve, Norway. The warming hut will open for the Nordic season. Skis and snowshoes available for use on site.

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Adults/\$5. Playing old-fashioned dance music.

Hoopalula's Fire Gaia; 7:15 and 8:15 p.m., Slopeside at South Ridge Lodge, Sunday River. Hoopalula takes "hooping" to the next level by adding fire to their performances! Fire-dancing adds exceptional flair and provides sizzling entertainment that will leave you raving for more. FMI: Sundayriver.com.

Crime Scene; 8 to 11:30 p.m., Loose Boots Lounge, Mt. Abram. This local band will keep you dancing with classic rock, hard rock, blues and funk.

Fireworks Display; 8:30 p.m., South Ridge Lodge/Foggy Goggle, Sunday River.

Adam Ezra Band; 9 p.m., the Foggy Goggle. The Adam Ezra Band was named Band of the Year at the 2013 New England Music Awards and The Alternate Root has said that they're "Hands down, the best roots rock band to come out of Boston since the Del Fuegos."

Sunday, Dec. 28

Ski Museum Fundraiser; Mt. Abram. The Ski Museum will be set up all day to give fireside chats and show off memorabilia from ski days past. Come enjoy and make a donation to this wonderful cause.

Monday, Dec. 29

Family Peak Dinner with Eddy the Yeti; 6 p.m., Sunday River's Peak Lodge. Ride the Chondola to Sunday River's mid-mountain Peak Lodge for a special family dinner with Eddy the Yeti and his friend Betty. Eddy and Betty will be there to greet everyone, followed by a reading from the Eddy the Yeti book. The dinner is buffet-style with kid favorites including pizza and macaroni & cheese. FMI/Reservations: 1-800-543-2754.

Tuesday, Dec. 30

G-Force Laser Tag; Grand Summit Hotel, Sunday River. The Grand Summit Ballroom will be filled with inflatable obstacles, black lights, and, of course, some killer tunes, while two 15-person teams do battle. Reservations are highly recommended. \$5 per game. This event is fun for all ages! Children under 5 will require parental supervision. Tickets are available at the door

or in advance at hotel front desks, the South Ridge Welcome Center, or by calling 800-543-2754.

Wednesday, Dec. 31

Jones Dance Band New Year Dance; 8 p.m. to midnight, Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. \$20 per person (includes refreshments and dance). Door prizes, 50/50. No reservations.

Fireworks Display; 8:30 p.m., South Ridge Lodge/Foggy Goggle, Sunday River.

Aldous Collins Band with 3rd Left; 9 p.m., the Foggy Goggle. The Aldous Collins Band is a rock group from Hull, Massachusetts. Fans love their versatile sound and awesome live shows. The band is up for "Best Live Act" in Massachusetts by Limelight Magazine. 3rd Left is another Mass-based band renowned for its magnetic live performances.

Mt. Abram New Year's Eve Party and Fireworks; Live music in the Loose Boots Lounge and a fireworks display at 9:30 p.m. FMI: 875-5000 or www.SkiMtAbram.com.

Thursday, Jan. 1

Bethel Senior Citizens Luncheon Reservation Deadline; See Jan. 14 listing for details.

30th Annual Carter's Last Stand Nordic Day; The full schedule of events includes the choice of an interpretive snowshoe tour with a forest biologist, uphill Nordic ski climb to the top of Farwell Mountain, guided cross-country ski tour along the Androscoggin River or a kids' x-country ski and snowshoe activity. \$25/adults, \$15/juniors (6-18), free/ages 5 and under. FMI/Reservations: 539-4848.

Saturday, Jan. 3

Full Moon Hike; 5:30 to 8 p.m., Mt. Abram. Mt. Abram staff will transport skis and boards to the top so participants can enjoy the hike to the top and then ski/ride to the bottom by the light of the full moon.

Shut Down Brown; 9 p.m., the Foggy Goggle. Shut Down Brown bridges the gap between classic 90's R&B and its predecessor, 70's soul. They are a live funk band with big horns, tons of energy and guarantee to get you out on the dance floor grooving!

Sunday, Jan. 4

"Justice and Redemption" Service; 9 a.m., First Universalist Church of West Paris. Rev. Fayre Stephenson explores our broken system of justice and the potential for mercy to redeem us using Bryant Stevenson's new book, "Just Mercy."

Wednesday, Jan. 7

Snow Valley Sno-Goers Meeting; 6 p.m. at the clubhouse off Route 5 in Andover.

FAFSA Evening Featuring Kathy Ruby; 7 to 8:30 p.m., Telstar lecture hall. There will be pizza and a chance for families to win a gift sponsored by the Melmac educational grant. Please call Lori Lindsay at 824-2136 extension 311 with any questions.

Jan. 8 and 9

Red Bull Frozen Rush; The biggest, fastest event to ever hit Sunday River. Red Bull Frozen Rush will once again redefine snow sports by bringing the world's only head-to-head on-snow truck race to Sunday River for the second year in a row. The world's best drivers will race on the slopes of South Ridge in 900-horsepower Frozen Rush Pro4 trucks on a custom-designed course that features berms, an over-under jump, huge dual gap jump and an enormous drift turn that will see both trucks entering together.

Friday, Jan. 9

Fireworks Display; 8:30 p.m., South Ridge Lodge/Foggy Goggle, Sunday River.

Saturday, Jan. 10

Annual Sno-Bash with WCYY, the Q, WHOM and WBLM; Mt. Abram. A day-long, family-friendly ski party. **Rabies Clinic;** 2 to 4 p.m., Andover Fire Station. \$15, cash only.

Peak Comedy Dinner; The Comedy Dinner at Sunday River's mid-mountain Peak Lodge is the perfect way to enjoy an evening in the mountains full of laughter - accompanied by an unforgettable meal. Comedians Dennis Fogg and Jody Sloane with have you laughing all evening. The cost is \$49 per person. This is a 21+ event and reservations are required. Please call 800-543-2754 to make reservations.

Sunday, Jan. 11

"The Growth of Generosity" Service; 9 a.m., First Universalist Church of West Paris. Maryli Tiemann will lead a service on generosity and how experiences shape interaction with life's challenges.

Monday, Jan. 12

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and

open to the public.

Wednesday, Jan. 14

Bethel Senior Citizens Luncheon (Rescheduled from Dec. 10); 11 a.m., the Bethel Inn. Menu: Turkey or haddock. Reservations must be made before Jan. 1 by calling Arlene Lowell at 824-2877 with your choice.

Saturday, Jan. 17

Tina Kelly Band; 8 to 11:30 p.m., Loose Boots Lounge, Mt. Abram.

Sunday, Jan. 18

Winter Inspired Community Event and food Drive; Mt. Abram. Bring in 5 non-perishable foods and receive \$5 off a lift ticket. After skiing, stay for the family event from 4 to 6 p.m. where children (accompanied by a parent) can take part in winter-themed craft-making that will be used to decorate the lodge.

"The Social Gospel" Service; 9 a.m., First Universalist Church of West Paris. Rev. Fayre Stephenson will lead a service reflecting on Universalist roots and remembering Universalist theologian, Clarence Skinner.

Friday, Jan. 23

Après Ski Music with Jim Tasse; 3:30 to 6 p.m., Loose Boots Lounge, Mt. Abram.

Sunday, Jan. 25

"That all Souls..." Service; 9 a.m., First Universalist Church of West Paris. Joan Beal will lead a service on justice and the UU guiding principle of living so that "all souls may grow into harmony with the divine."

Monday, Jan. 26

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

Saturday, Jan. 31

Full Moon Hike; 5:30 to 8 p.m., Mt. Abram. Mt. Abram staff will transport skis and boards to the top so participants can enjoy the hike to the top and then ski/ride to the bottom by the light of the full moon. Post-hike music with Chad Porter begins at 8 p.m. in Loose Boots Lounge.

Saturday, Feb. 7

White Grass Festival; Mt. Abram. An absolute can't miss. The only live bluegrass festival on snow in Maine. Live bluegrass bands all day. Main lodge: Grassholes 12 to 2 p.m.; Jerks of Grass 3 to 5 p.m.; Milltown Roadshow 6 to 8 p.m. Westside lodge: Jerks of Grass 12 to 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 28

Full Moon Hike; 5:30 to 8 p.m., Mt. Abram. Mt. Abram staff will transport skis and boards to the top so participants can enjoy the hike to the top and then ski/ride to the bottom by the light of the full moon. Post-hike music with Skosh begins at 8 p.m. in Loose Boots Lounge.v

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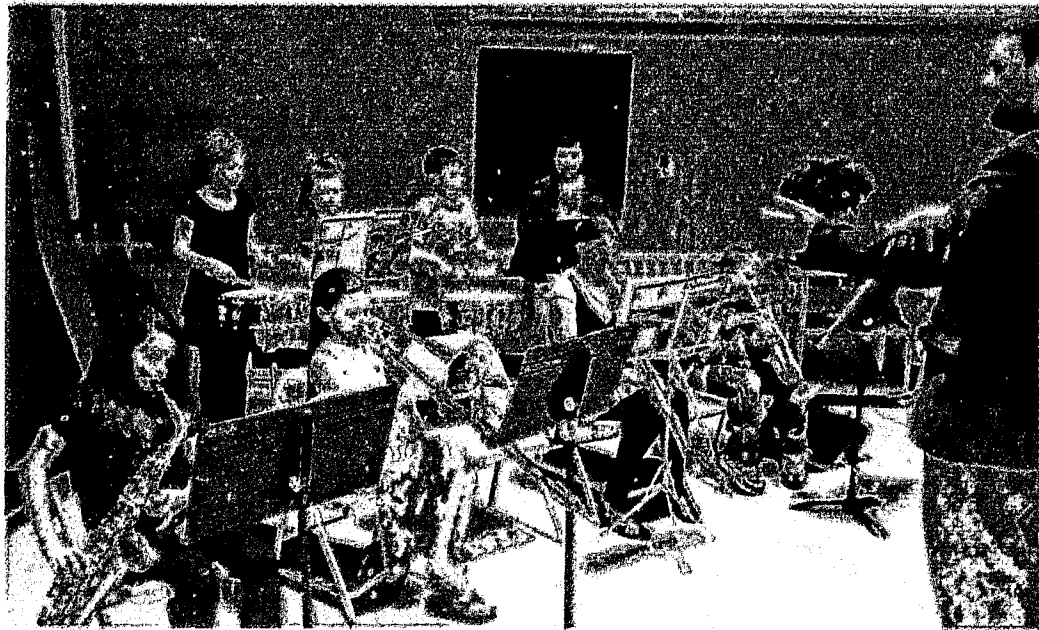
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ANDOVER ELEMENTARY



Kindergarten students at Andover created reindeer to celebrate the holiday.



Fourth and fifth grade band students at Andover perform at this year's holiday concert under the direction of music teacher Duncan McFarland.



Andover kindergarten and first grade students perform at the holiday concert.

TELSTAR NEWS



November Super Stars at TMS: 8th grader, Emily Hanscom; 7th grader, Kat Haley; 6th grader, Henry Botka. Super Stars are kids who make our school a positive place to be and we are grateful for their respectful natures, acceptance of others, and perseverance through challenges.

CRESCENT PARK ELEMENTARY



Third graders in Mrs. Wight's class are taking part in the "Hour of Code" as they become our next computer scientists. Here Cruze and Mae team up to practice coding (giving the correct directions to move an object from one place to its destination.). They are enjoying the challenge!

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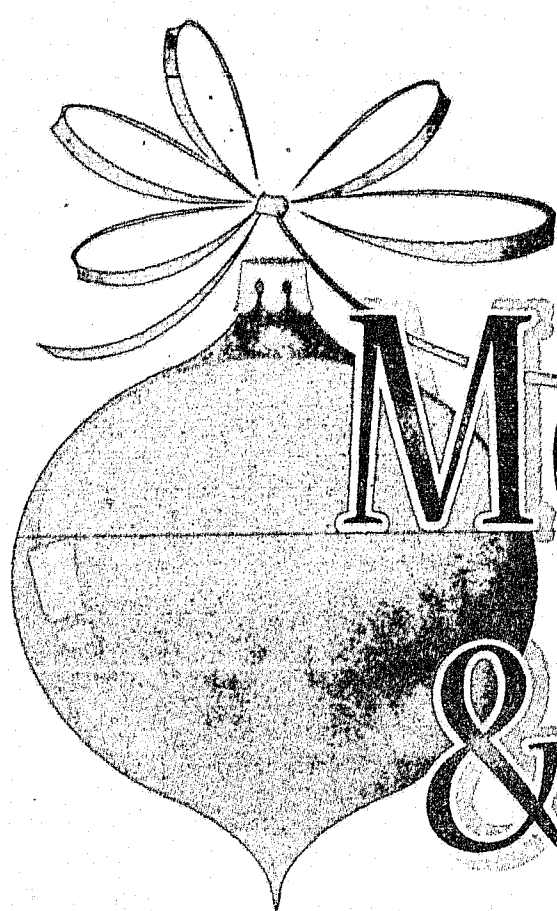
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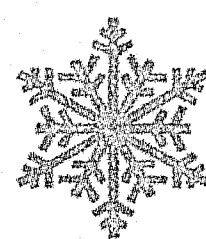
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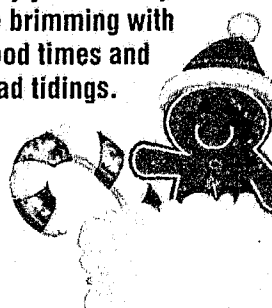
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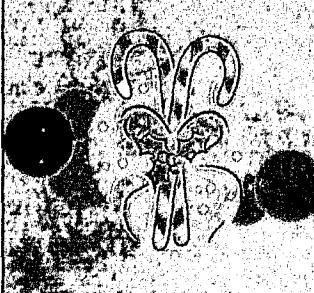
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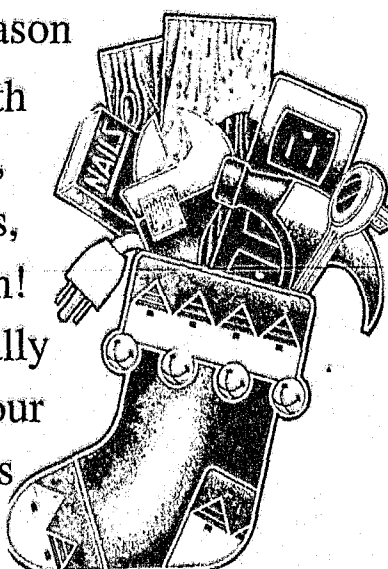
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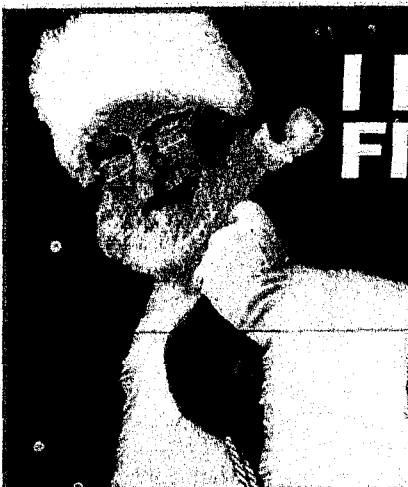
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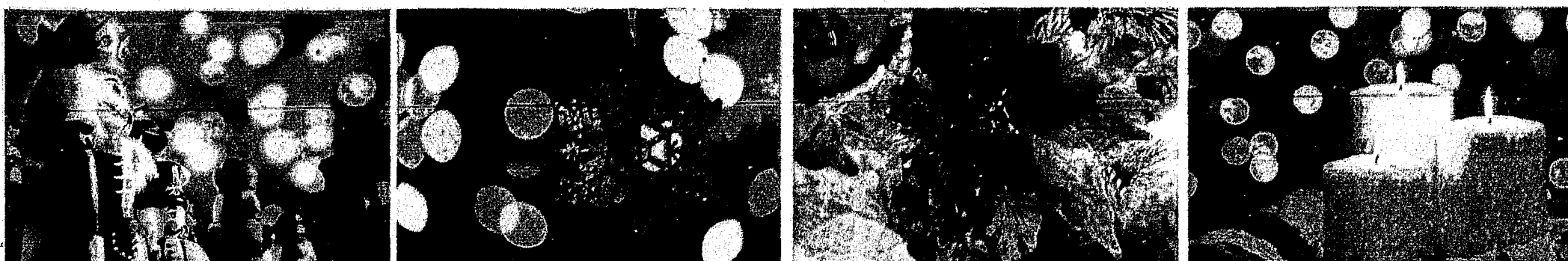
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Family Peak Dinner with Eddy the Yeti

Monday, December 29, 2014

Ride the Chondola to Sunday River's mid-mountain Peak Lodge for a special family dinner with Eddy the Yeti and his friend Betty. Eddy and Betty will be there to greet everyone, followed by a reading from the Eddy The Yeti book. The dinner is buffet-style with kid favorites including pizza and macaroni & cheese. Dinner begins at 6 p.m.; reservations are required. Please call (800) 543-2754 for reservations.

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Black Diamond always strives for next-level entertainment and this year, they're bringing in G-Force Laser Tag to transform our Grand Summit Ballroom into a laser tag arena. The enormous room will be filled with inflatable obstacles, black lights, and, of course, some killer tunes, while two 15-person teams do battle. This new event is a must and reservations are highly recommended. \$5 per game. This event is fun for all ages! Children under 5 will require parental supervision. Tickets are available at the door or in advance at hotel front desks, the South Ridge Welcome Center, or by calling 800-543-2754.

Mt Abram New Year's Eve Party and Fireworks

Wednesday, December 31, 2014

Mt Abram's Annual Fireworks Show will light up Western Maine. Live music in the Loose Boots Lounge and spectacular Fireworks Display at 9:30 pm. For more information please call 207-875-5000 or visit www.SkiMtAbram.com

Cran-Orange Pork Medallions

1 to 1½ lb. pork tenderloin, cut into 1-inch slices
½ tsp garlic powder
½ tsp coriander
½ tsp salt
¼ tsp pepper
2 tbsp olive oil
1 red onion, chopped
½ cup orange marmalade
¼ cup orange juice
¼ cup sweetened dried cranberries
2 tbsp balsamic vinegar

Place pork slices between 2 pieces of wax paper. Using a rolling pin, flatten to 1/4-inch thickness. Combine seasonings; sprinkle over both sides of pork. In a large skillet, sauté pork in oil for 3 minutes on each side, or until juices run clear. Remove and keep warm. In same skillet, sauté onion in pan juices for 5 minutes, or until tender. Stir in remaining ingredients; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; return pork to skillet. Simmer, uncovered, for 5 minutes, or until sauce is thickened. Makes 4 servings.

Broccoli-Cashew Slaw

½ cup mayonnaise
¼ cup half-and-half
¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 tbsp sugar
16-oz. pkg. broccoli slaw mix
3 to 4 slices bacon, crisply cooked and crumbled
½ cup cashew halves
salt and pepper to taste

In a large bowl, combine mayonnaise, half-and-half, cheese, sugar, salt and pepper; mix until well blended. Add slaw and toss to mix; stir in bacon and cashews. Serve immediately or chill. Serves 6.

Spinach Salad

1 bag fresh spinach leaves
4 oz. container Feta cheese, crumbled
½ cup walnuts, chopped
1 avocado, chopped
3 to 4 tbsp bacon, crisply cooked and crumbled
½ red onion, cut in thin rings
½ cup red pepper, chopped
1 tomato, chopped

Sweet and Sour Dressing:

1½ cups salad oil
½ cup red wine vinegar
3 tbsp sugar
1 tsp chili powder
2 tsp onion, grated
1 tsp seasoned salt
2 tsp garlic, minced
2 to 3 tbsp Worcestershire sauce

Using a large bowl, fill with spinach leaves. Add all other ingredients to bowl. Shake well. Pour enough dressing to cover spinach leaves. Toss with sweet and sour dressing.

Golden Parmesan Roasted Potatoes

¼ cup all-purpose flour
¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese
¾ tsp salt
⅓ tsp pepper
6 potatoes, peeled and cut into wedges
⅓ cup butter, melted
Garnish:
fresh parsley, chopped

Place flour, cheese, salt and pepper in a large plastic zipping bag; mix well. Add potato wedges; shake to coat. Pour butter into a 13"x9" baking pan, tilting to coat; arrange potatoes in pan. Bake, uncovered, at 375 degrees for one hour. Sprinkle with parsley. Serves 4 to 6.

Brown Sugar Acorn Squash

2 acorn squash, halved and seeded
2 tbsp butter, sliced
2 tbsp brown sugar, packed
1 tsp cinnamon
½ tsp ground ginger

Arrange squash halves cut-side up in an ungreased 13"x9" baking pan. Place 1/2 tablespoon butter in each half; sprinkle with sugar and spices. Add about 1/2 inch of water to the pan. Bake at 350 degrees for one hour, or until squash is tender. Makes 4 servings.

Garlic Green Beans

1 to 2 lbs. green beans, trimmed
2 tbsp olive oil
1 clove garlic, minced
salt to taste

Place beans and a small amount of water in a microwave-safe dish. Cover and microwave on high for 5 minutes. Heat oil in a non-stick skillet over medium heat. Add beans and garlic; cook and stir until crisp-tender. Sprinkle with salt to taste. Serves 6.

Balsamic Vinegar Glazed Carrots

1 lb. baby carrots
3 tbsp butter, melted
2 tbsp brown sugar, packed
½ tsp ground ginger
1 tsp white balsamic vinegar

Cover carrots with water in a saucepan. Cook over medium-high heat until tender; drain. Whisk together remaining ingredients in a bowl; pour over carrots and toss to coat. Holds well in a warm oven until serving time. Serves 4 to 6.

Raspberry Upside-Down Cake

¼ cup butter, melted
¼ cup sugar
1½ cups raspberries
2tbsp sliced almonds
1½ cups biscuit baking mix
½ cup sugar
½ cup milk
2 tbsp oil
½ tsp vanilla extract
½ tsp almond extract
1 egg, beaten
Garnish:
additional raspberries and sliced almonds

Drizzle butter in a 9" round cake pan; sprinkle sugar over top. Arrange raspberries, open ends up, over sugar mixture; sprinkle with almonds. In a bowl, combine remaining ingredients except garnish. Beat with an electric mixer on medium speed for 4 minutes. Pour into pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes, until a toothpick tests clean. Immediately place a heat-proof serving plate upside-down over pan; turn plate and pan over. Leave pan over cake for one minute to allow sugar mixture to drizzle over cake; remove pan. Cool 10 minutes before serving. Garnish as desired and serve warm. Makes 9 servings.

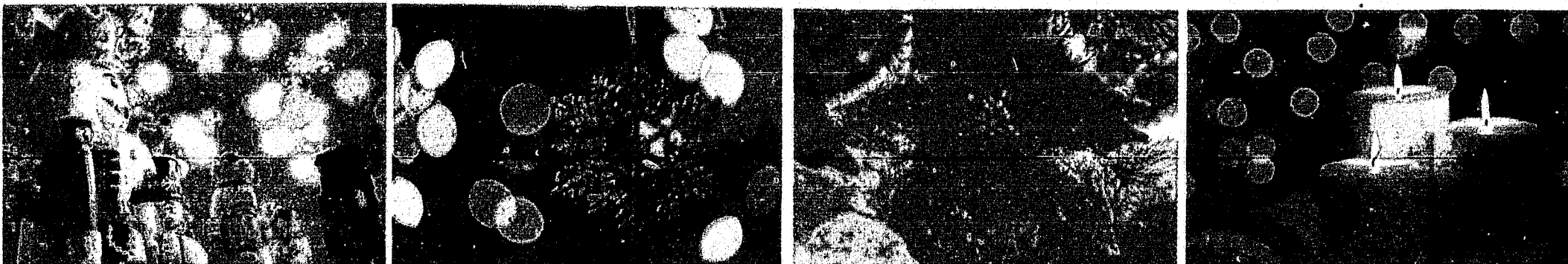


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The man behind the beard

Every Christmas Eve, children go to bed eagerly anticipating a visit from Santa Claus. This merry gentleman is purported to visit the home of every good girl and boy, delivering gifts and cheer along the way.

Before the modern evolution of Santa Claus lived a very real and generous individual named Nicholas. In the third century, Nicholas served as the Bishop of Myrna in present-day Turkey. He had a reputation for secret gift-giving, believing that giving should be done secretly and sacrificially in Jesus Christ's name rather than one's own.

Stories tell of Nicholas paying the dowry for poor daughters to enable them to get married. He reportedly put coins in the shoes of those who left them out for him. It is believed Nicholas helped to restore the hope of hundreds of people in his community, making him a beloved and revered Bishop. Throughout his ministry, Nicholas fervently shared his life and fortune with others.

Nicholas continued to be revered and commemorated by many Christians even after his death. His charity and unselfish works helped inspire generations of the faithful, and he eventually was named the patron saint of everyone from merchants to sailors to pawnbrokers.

No one really knows what St. Nicholas looked like. But in 2005, a forensic laboratory in England reviewed historical data and photographs of the remains taken from St. Nicholas' grave in the 1950s. Researchers concluded that he was a small man, perhaps no more than five feet in height, with a broken nose.

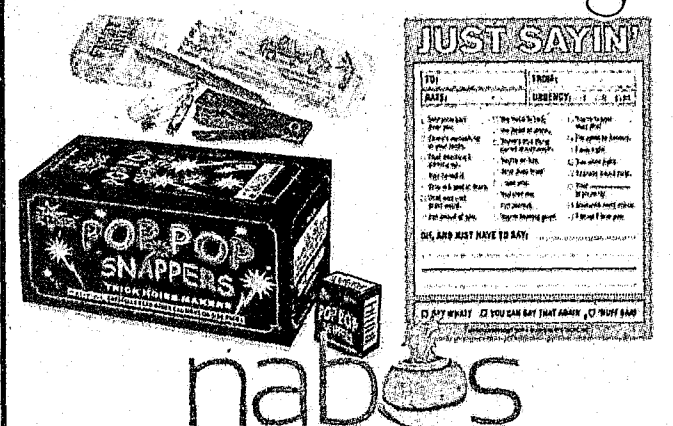
This image certainly does not fit with the robust frame and other imagery awarded St. Nicholas in more modern years. St. Nicholas is believed to be the inspiration for Santa Claus, which was a name taken from the Dutch Sinterklaas, a contracted form of Sint Nicolass, or St. Nicholas.

Tales of the real St. Nicholas giving spirit were blended with a fictional personification by New York-based newspaper writers who blended the St. Nicholas name with the appearance of a Dutch town citizen. The goal was to reach out to the primarily Dutch immigrants living in New York at the time. This jolly elf image was given a boost by the publication of "A Visit From St. Nicholas," which was published around the same time.

Eventually, the merry Santa Claus portrayal began to outshine the more accurate St. Nicholas version as a religious man, fostered by political drawings and caricatures that depicted Santa as a chubby sort in a red suit. That image prevails to this day.

Beneath the Christmas symbolism, the beard and the presents associated with Santa Claus lies a tale of generosity that originated with St. Nicholas.

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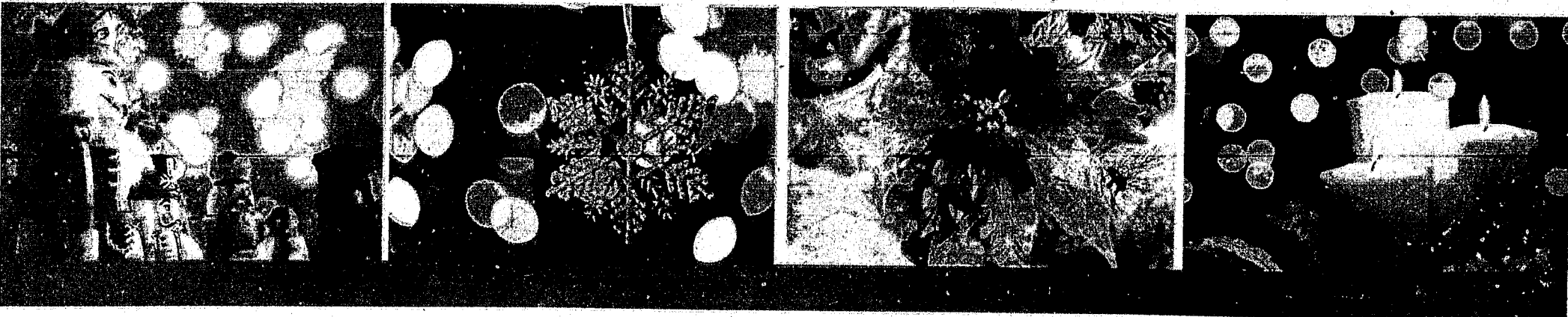
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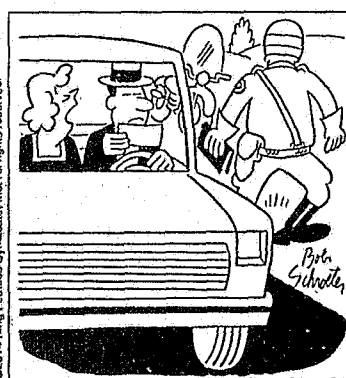
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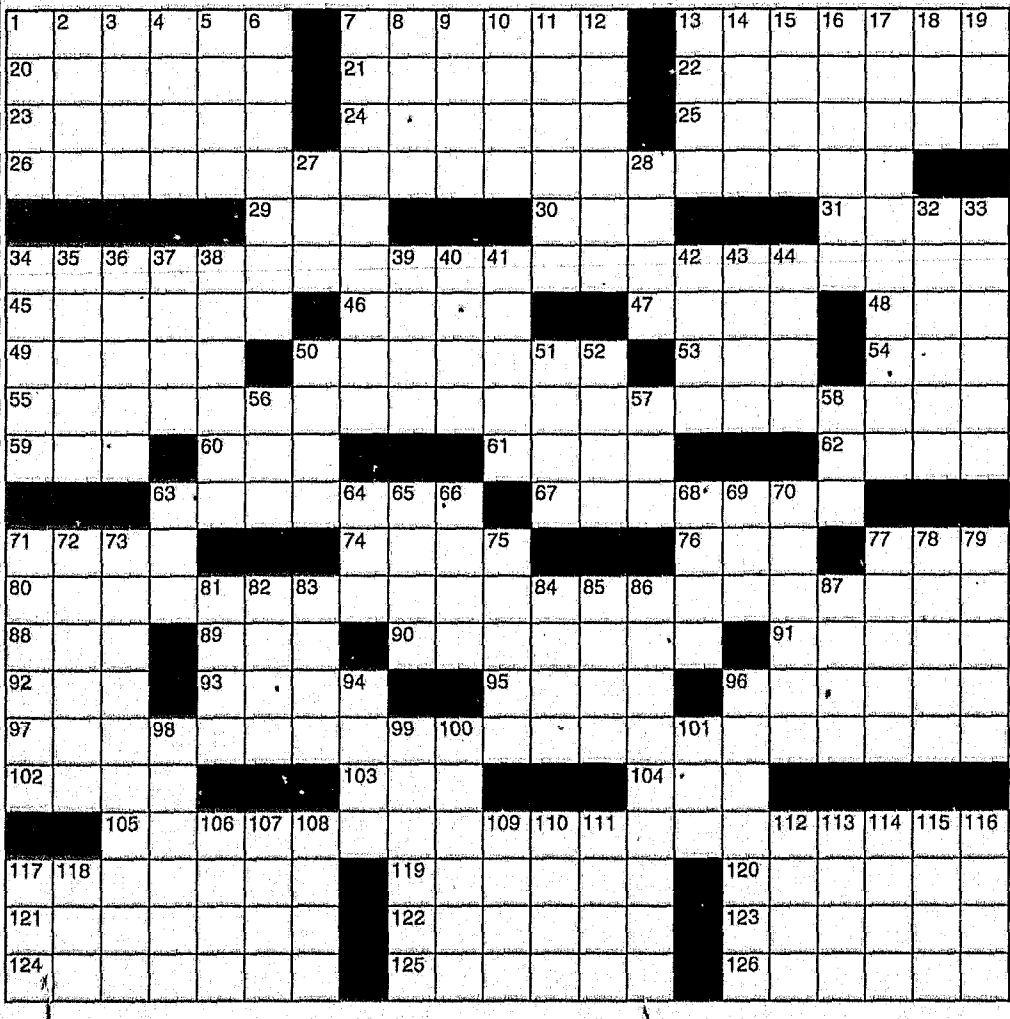
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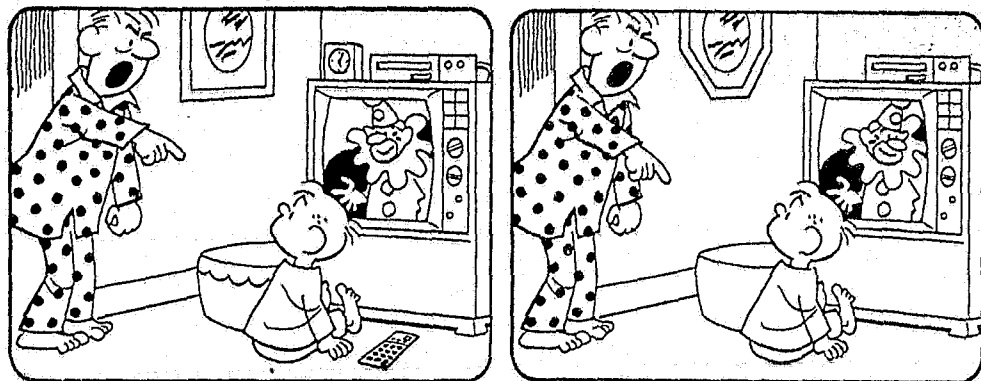
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- 1 Hair grows out of them
 - 7 Flip out
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 - 29 Howard or Paul
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 - 45 Acts
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 - 47 Any time at all
 - 48 Pal, in Brest
 - 49 — metabolic rate
 - 50 Affirms, with "to"
 - 53 Zany comic Philips
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 - 55 Riddle, part 3
 - 59 Suffix with Ecuador or Caesar
 - 60 Long of "Allie"
 - 61 Do a post office job
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 - 63 Airplane seat restraint
 - 67 Letter between vee and ex
 - 71 "The Sun — Rises"
 - 74 Bottom part of a hair
 - 76 Org. that aids the stranded
 - 77 Raises, as the ante
 - 80 Riddle, part 4
 - 88 "— have to?"
 - 89 "— big girl now"
 - 90 New — (Mardi Gras locale)
 - 91 Make fun of
 - 92 Jillian of TV
 - 93 Tetra, e.g.
 - 95 Nick Jr.'s "— the Explorer"
 - 96 Mistreat
 - 97 End of the riddle
 - 102 Utah's stale flower
 - 103 Tankard drink
 - 104 Orangutan, for one
 - 105 Riddle's answer
 - 117 Classic dancer Fred
 - 119 Up-and-down park fixture
 - 120 Awful
 - 121 Small African mongoose
 - 122 Abdominal injury
 - 123 Surfing the Net, say
 - 124 Pale colors
 - 125 Storage site for weapons
 - 126 Brand of cooking oil
 - 1 Actor Nolle
 - 15 Viva — (orally)
 - 16 Quick glance (on)
 - 17 Sot's
 - 18 Outer: Prefix
 - 19 Military draft org.
 - 27 Email giggle
 - 28 With 42-Down, quick inspection
 - 32 Bonding stuff
 - 33 Hard Italian cheese
 - 34 "What a tangled — weave"
 - 35 City in Nebraska
 - 36 Violin bow application
 - 37 And others, for short
 - 38 Montana's capital
 - 39 Like Cheerios
 - 40 "Boy, that was closer!"
 - 41 Twisty road curves
 - 42 See 28-Down
 - 43 Road rig
 - 44 1982 film and video game
 - 50 "Moby-Dick" helmsman
 - 51 Stomped
 - 52 Blood fluid: Prefix
 - 56 Advice bit
 - 57 Abbr. on an A/C
 - 58 Lions' quarry
 - 63 Horror film star Chaney
 - 64 Before, in verses
 - 65 Western wolf
 - 66 Group of gigs
 - 68 Embargoes
 - 69 Fall behind
 - 70 Calif. bambo locale
 - 71 Last name of Uncle Fester
 - 72 Canadian one-dollar coin
 - 73 Fence "doors" that automatically return to their closed positions
 - 75 "Niña" mark
 - 77 Moving van
 - 78 Outmoded
 - 79 Spirited horse
 - 81 Comb (through)
 - 82 Don't include
 - 83 Pulpy mixture
 - 84 Author Uri
 - 85 Taser missile
 - 86 Doing terribly
 - 87 In fine fettle
 - 94 Miami team
 - 96 Skating spectacle
 - 98 Capital of Tasmahia
 - 99 "24" actress Cuthbert
 - 100 Shiny wood overlay
 - 101 Prefix with center
 - 106 Be fond of
 - 107 With 118-Down, shrinking body of water in Asia
 - 108 Gelatinizes
 - 109 "Cooler"
 - 110 "This — joke!"
 - 111 Hair remover brand
 - 112 Absent
 - 113 Addresses for techies
 - 114 Purple bloom
 - 115 — Tibetan
 - 116 Ideal garden
 - 117 Electrical unit
 - 118 See 107-Down



HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Arm is moved. 2. Frame is different. 3. Hassock scallop is missing. 4. Clock is missing. 5. Clown is turned. 6. Remote control is missing.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: L equals G

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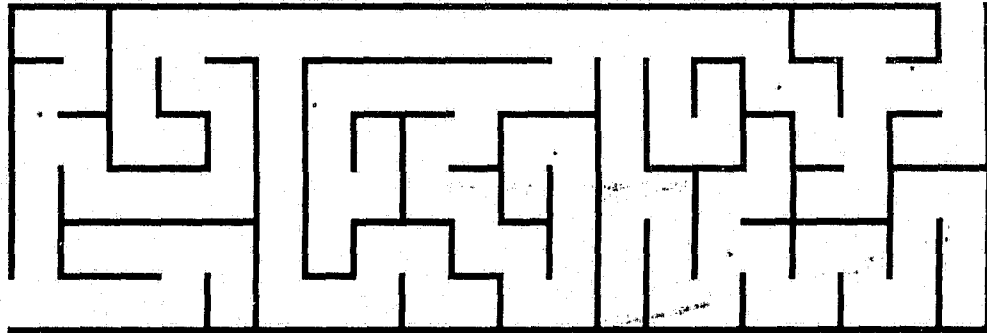
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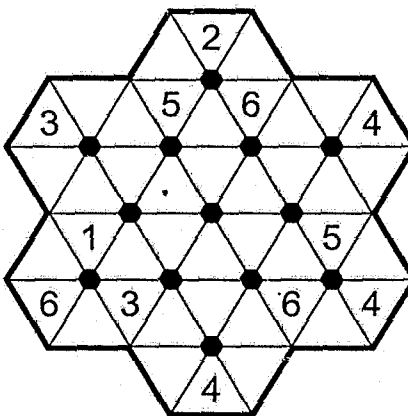


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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



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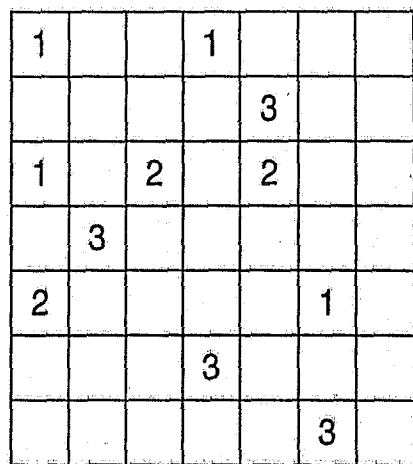
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Star★Map

By Linda Thistle

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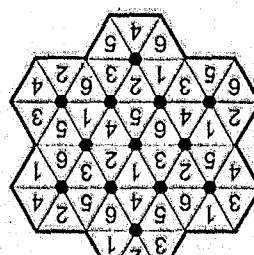
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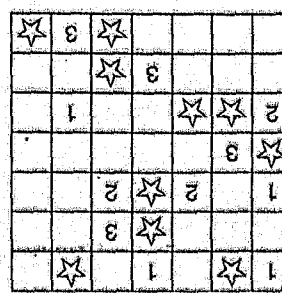
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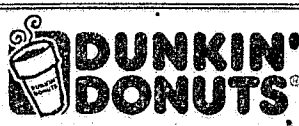
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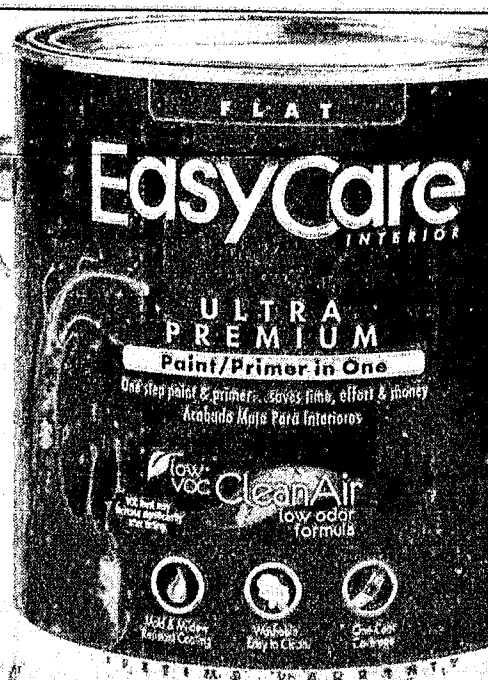
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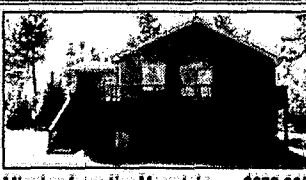

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The Way I See It

BY SHARON BOUCHARD

Many, many years ago people shared Christmas greetings with a hand written message usually delivered in person. When postal systems became a little better organized (they did?) people started mailing those hand written holiday greetings.

Someone somewhere along the line created a hand written Christmas card and by 1822 the hand written Christmas cards became all the rage.

Then in 1843 a very wealthy businessman in England, Sir Henry Cole, commissioned London artist John Calcott Horsley to design and print some Christmas cards for him to send to his friends and business acquaintances. Perhaps Sir Henry didn't like to write, or, had terrible penmanship or maybe being wealthy he wanted to show off. I guess we'll never know.

What we do know is that printed Christmas cards then became all the rage replacing the hand written cards that used to be all the rage.

It wasn't until 1875 that Americans caught onto the idea however. Louis Prang, a Boston lithographer published the first Christmas cards in this country and they became all the American rage. Prang became known as the "father of the American Christmas card."

That's enough history on Christmas cards but suffice it to say we have been sending printed holiday greetings for about 140 years.

Some people are very good about this and send a lot of Christmas cards and some do not and with the price of postage being what it is I suspect there are more who do not than do.

I'm certainly guilty of not sending many cards, but partly because even though I sign the cards and address

This one works if it fits: OMG... have we become so removed from each other that most of our communication is narrowed down to text-bites and LOLs?

them I just never seem to get around to going to the post office to mail them. I have boxes of cards in my closet that are all set to go, but since I always put a personal note about my kids and how they are doing in school and things like that they are a bit dated. My kids have children graduating from school so you could say the news I wrote

in the cards is a bit old.

Since the internet became available someone had the bright idea of creating e-cards. There are several websites where you can pick out a card, personalize it and e-mail it to the people on your card list. If any of them happen to have a slow computer or dial-up it may take until the New Year for the card to download, but at least you wished them a Merry Christmas.

The other day I heard a song on the radio that went like this... "Just remember in December to keep your cell phone charged so you can text me Merry Christmas."

I know I'm a bit old fashioned, but I do have to wonder just how far afield we have gone when we resort to texting our holiday greetings! And, it is probably done in text-speak... "Mry Xmas!"

I also know that I am technologically challenged and don't text at all, but I have to ask that since you would have to hold the phone in your hand to text why wouldn't you just call the person and wish them a Merry Christmas? Wouldn't that be a little more personal and intimate than texting Mry Xmas?

OMG... have we become so removed from each other that most of our communication is narrowed down to text-bites and LOLs? Boy, that's a long way from hand written messages.

Even though I didn't send out any Christmas cards and I certainly cannot call or even text (like I know how) all my readers, the way I see it the least I can do is right here in print wish each and every one of you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Obituaries



KENNETH HILL, JR.

Kenneth A. Hill, Jr., 37, of Rumford Point, died at the Hospice House of Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice after a lengthy illness. He was born in Norway on June 2, 1977 and attended local schools. Kenny had worked as a line cook at many local restaurants, most recently at the Matherhorn Restaurant.

Kenny enjoyed going to camp in Byron with his father, Wayne Holtsman, swimming with his boys and motor boating with his father as well as riding his four-wheeler. He had many interesting trips to Wal-Mart with his brother Jason, always coming in the house with a big grin to show off his bargains. Cooking Sundays with Aunt Marlene was always special as he showed her how to make eggplant lasagna. He always loved to visit with his aunts Renie, Connie, Bonita and Marlene. Kenny and his Mom spent many special hours working in her flower gardens. He looked forward to Friday night visits to town to see his friends. He loved the Walking Dead and Supernatural shows and no matter how sick or tired he was, these were his salvation. There were no limits on Halloween; his love of ghouls and goblins was passed on to him from his Mom. They loved decorating

the house inside and out plus dressing up with the boys and trick-or-treating were the bomb for him. He loved Christmas, and when he realized he would not make Christmas, he went shopping and bought his gifts and gave them to his family that night. He made sure he had his Christmas even if his family could not have him for Christmas. Kenny's biggest love was his three boys; Matti, Isaac and Kenny. Being a Dad was his biggest accomplishment. It did not matter if it was late night feeding or parent teacher conferences, he always stepped up. He loved telling the story of the boys knocking down a fence at school, they thought they would spend an hour at the school doing yard work for restitution, but oh no, they spent the whole day with him watching. He would grin every time he told that story.

Kenny was very loyal to friends and family. If you wronged someone in his circle you knew it. He was always a protector of his little brother Jay-bone. He and Jay could scrap it out but let someone else hurt his brother, they would then have to deal with him which even led to a suspension from school for him.

He enjoyed all his pets, even Maxwell the pig (most of the time). He made a special grave for his cat Goldie just this fall.

Ken's thumbs up were so special to his Mom. It told her that he had his meds, his food or just that he appreciated her care. He could say more without having a voice than most can say with their words. He could tell a whole story with his hands, which became his voice. For those who never knew

Kenny, you missed out. He was the bravest, strongest and most courageous man that our family will ever have the pleasure of knowing. Throughout his battle he never had a complaint or wondered why. He kept it all inside to protect his family. We know he suffered such an injustice but he never let it show, even on his worst days. Every day he would find humor with family or TV and many times send us something in a text or on Facebook that would just make you smile. All through his cancer battle, he never made it about himself. We were blessed to really have known him and to learn many life lessons from him through his journey.

Kenny is survived by his parents Deborah and Wayne Holtsman of Rumford Point; 3 sons Matthew Larson, Isaac Hill and Kenny Hill all of Rumford; one brother Jason Hill of Rumford; four aunts Corrine Hammond, Connie Coffin and her husband, Larry, all of Woodstock, Bonita Witham and her husband, Carl, of Buckfield and Marlene McNally and her husband, Eddie, of West Paris; two uncles, Corry Bonney, Jr. and his wife, Marjorie, of South Paris and Kirby Bonney and wife Loraine of Sumner as well as many cousins.

A time of visitation was held at the Woodstock Seventh day Adventist Church on Sunday evening, Dec. 21 from 6 to 8 p.m. Funeral services were held at the same location on Monday at 3:30 p.m. with Ellie Andrews officiating. Burial will be in the spring at Pleasant Pond Cemetery in Sumner. Arrangements by Cliff Gray Cremation & Funeral Services, 60 Andrews Road, Bryant Pond.

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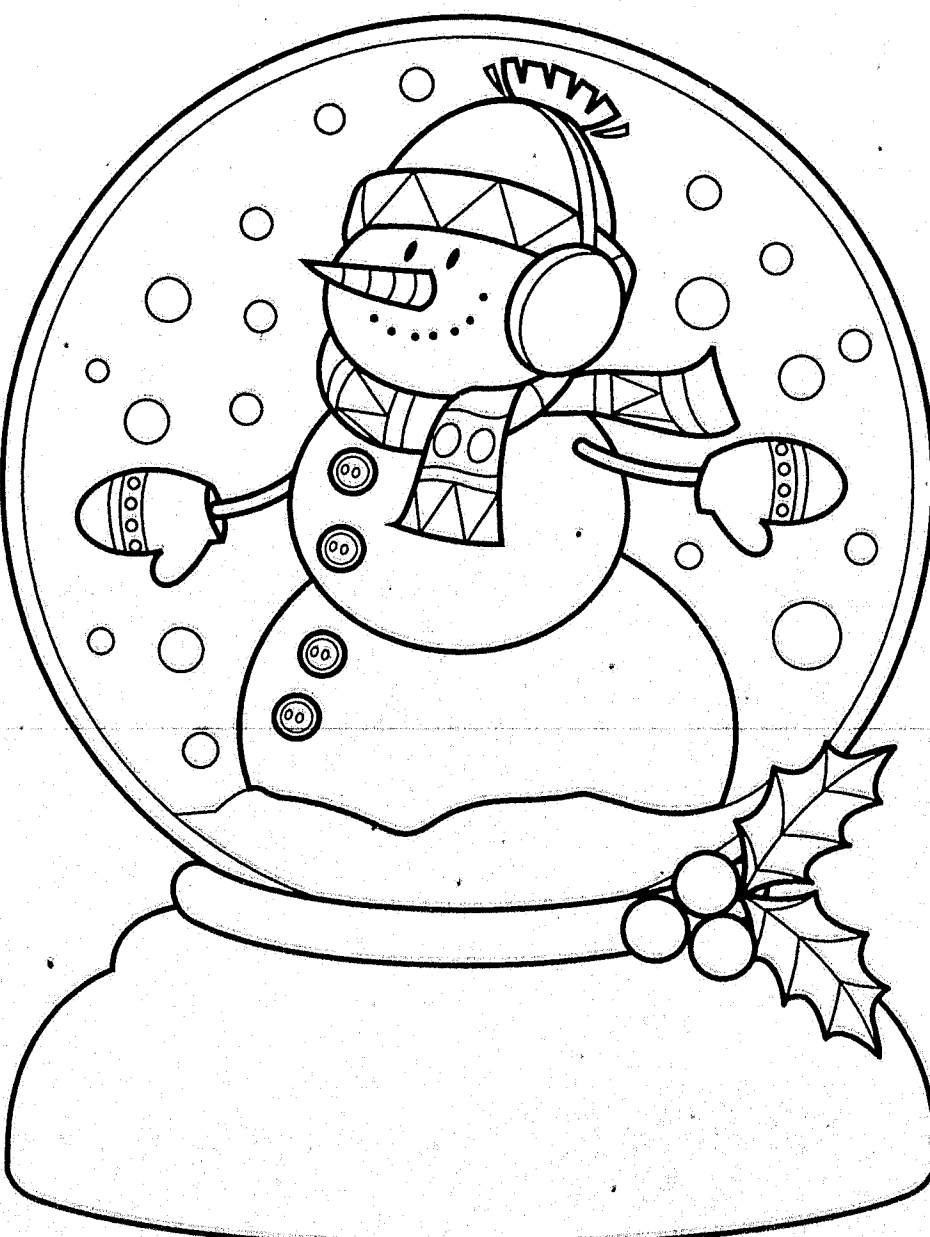
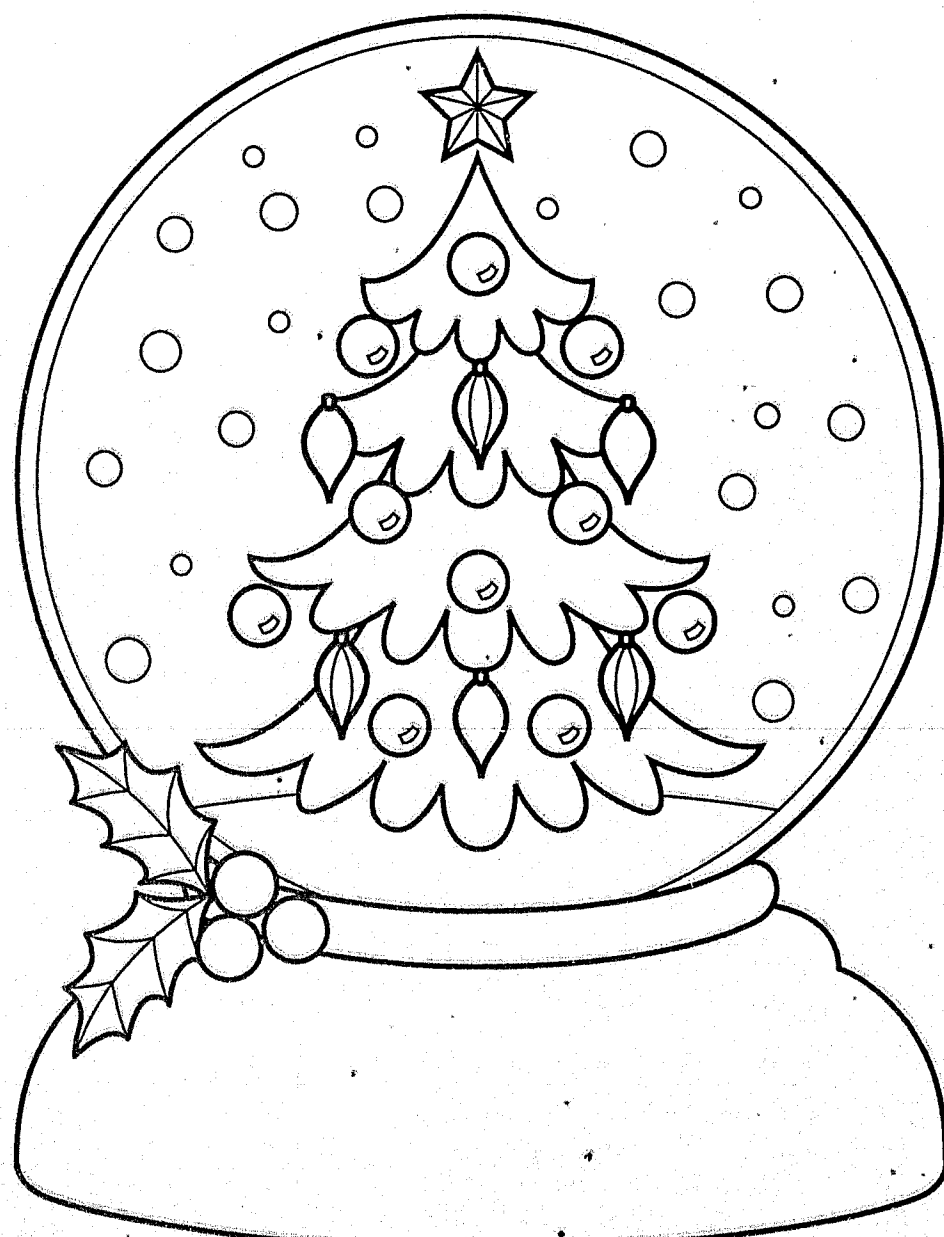
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